

Regional Organisations

Cooperation below the global level.

Political Science

Functions and variation.

Common functions

Trade liberalisation among members

Security cooperation and dispute management

Free movement in some cases

Shared standards and regulation

Collective external bargaining

Sources of variation

Depth of sovereignty pooled

Whether decisions bind members

Existence of a court to enforce

Breadth of policy areas covered

Educational reference. Deeper integration requires surrendering more autonomy, which is the recurring source of domestic contention.