EUROPEAN UNION LAW

concerning § 1 I International cooperation and integrationn in the world order of states

Diagram 1

Forms of international cooperation, supranational cooperation and integration

international cooperation								
- actual (informal) - according to civil	cooperation through international treaties							
- through internatio- nal conferences	- direct	international organisations						
		- conventional	supranational organisations (supranational cooperation)					
			- conventional ¹ supranational union ²					

= form of organisation implying integration

↓ (is always)	↑ (can be)
confed	eration
(e.g. Switzerland before 1787/88, Ger	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

state						
federa	l state	unitary state				
federal state with strong federated states (e.g. Switzerland)	unitary federal state (e.g. Austria)	strongly decentralised unitary state (e.g. Spain)	centralist unitary state (e.g. GB, DK)			

E.g. the European Communities at the beginning, river commissions.
 Until now only the European Union; other proposed classifications: "Staatenverbund" ("compound of states"), "Staaten- und Verfassungsverbund", state without sovereignty.