

Key issues at the Maastricht summit

EC leaders hope to agree on a single treaty covering political and monetary union, co-operation in foreign policy, security and home affairs

Foreign policy

Broad outlines of foreign policy to be made unanimously by European Council. Implementation by Foreign Ministers on majority vote. **Opposed by Britain, Denmark, Portugal, Ireland**

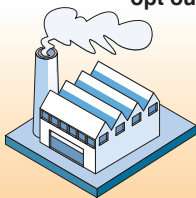
Monetary union

Preparation for a single currency and a European Central Bank to impose budget targets. **Opposed by Britain and Denmark who want the right to opt out of the final stage**



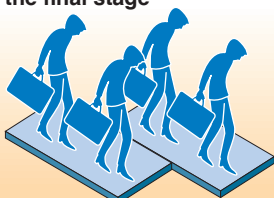
Defence

France and Germany want Western European Union to become the EC's defence arm rather than NATO. **Opposed by Britain**



Social policy

Workers' rights to be extended. **Opposed by Britain who say this could hinder private enterprise**



Immigration

EC should decide immigration policy. **Opposed by Britain who want to retain existing powers**



Commission

Power to propose EC policy in new areas of legislation. **Opposed by Britain and France**



Council of ministers

New areas of legislation decided by majority vote. **Opposed by Britain**



European Parliament

New powers including right to amend legislation passed by Council of Ministers. **Opposed by Britain and France**