

WELCOME to the 2023 EU Study Tour



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HOW THE EU WORKS &
HOW TO WORK WITH THE EU

PROCEDURE AND INFLUENCE

How many alphabets and official languages does the EU have?

A. 2, 22

B. 3, 21

C. 3, 24

D. 2, 23

Why the EU matters



4 issues to consider in the EU context

Diversity of
the 27

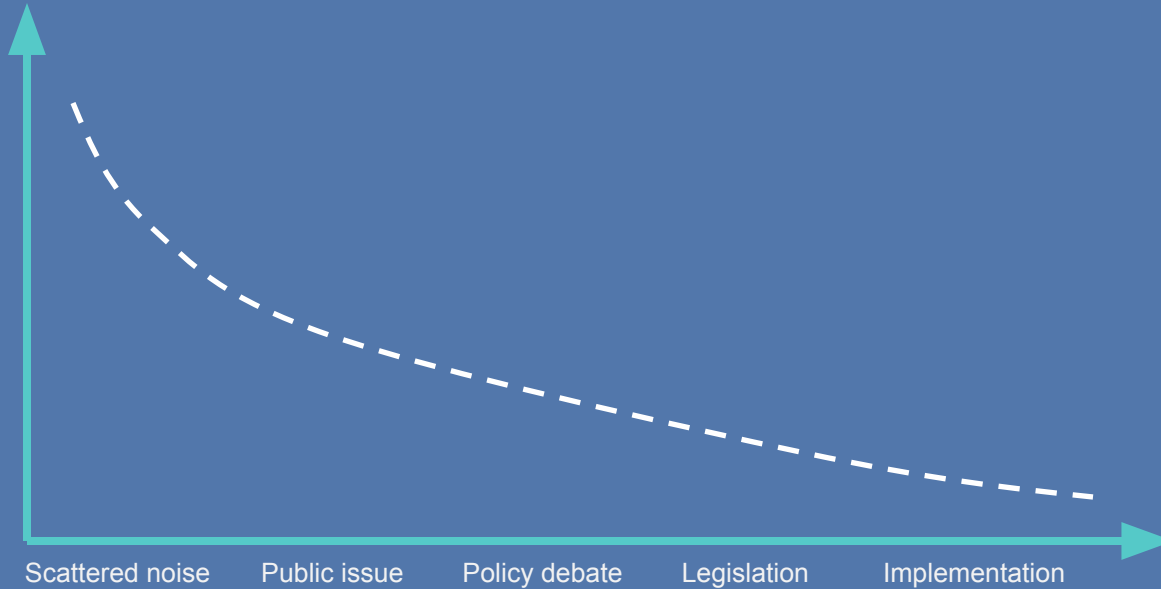
Influence not
concentrated

European
Parliament's
"mindset"

Long
timeframes

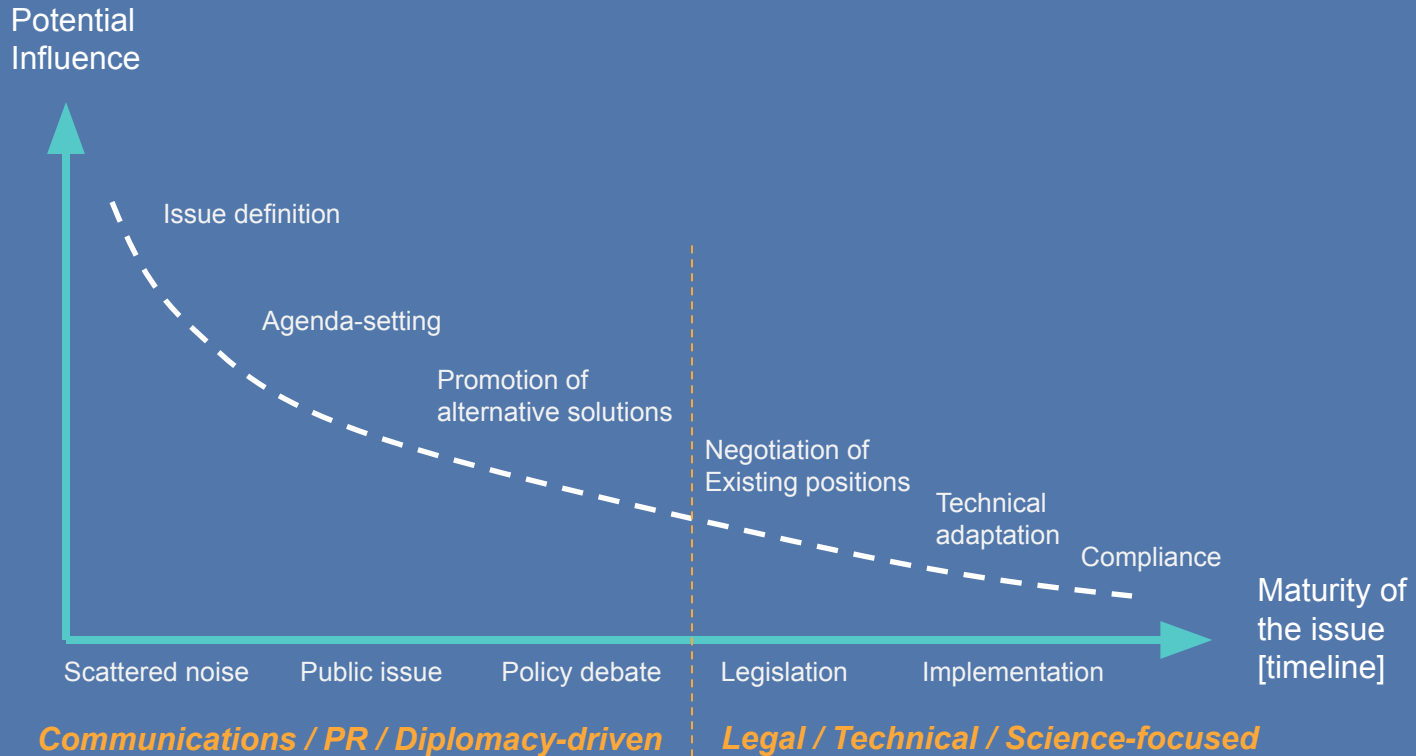
WHAT CAN YOU ACHIEVE... AND WHEN?

Potential
Influence



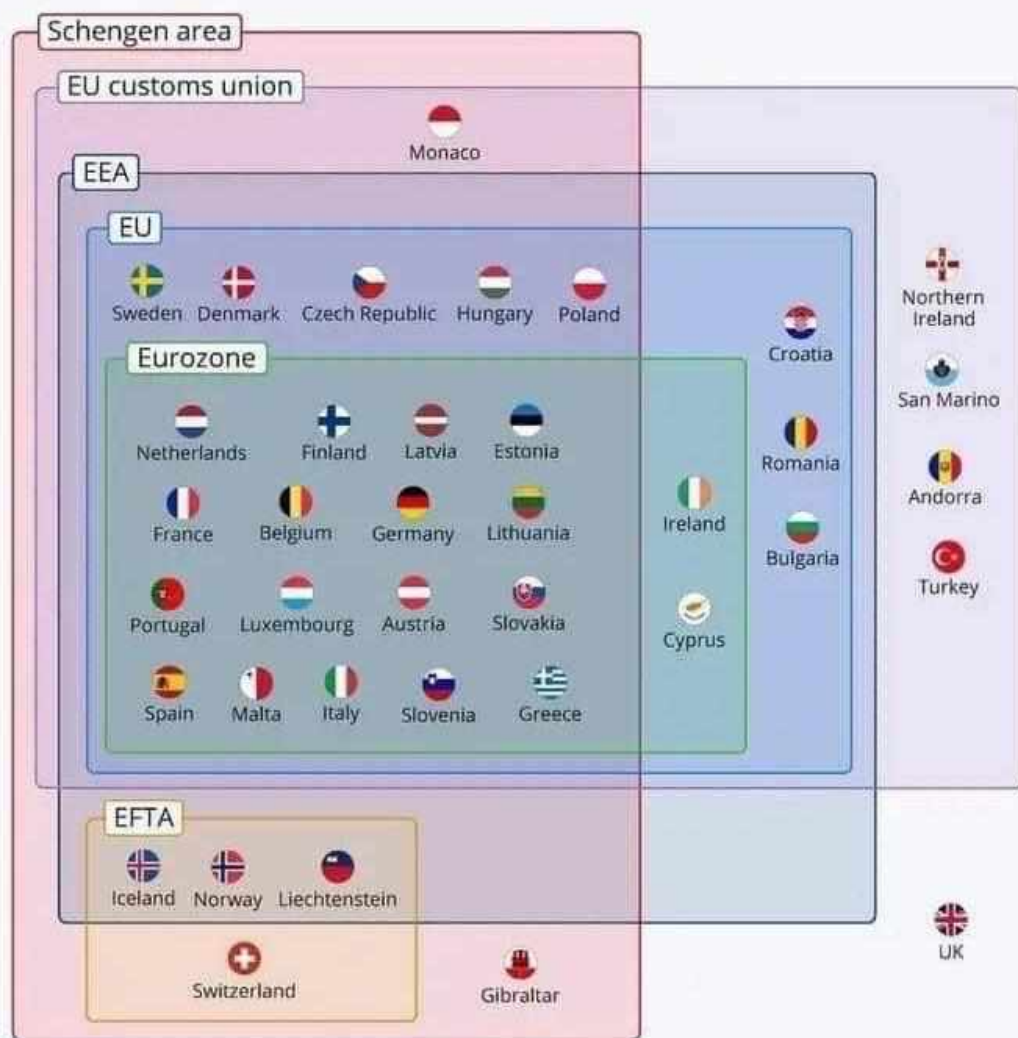
Maturity of
the issue
[timeline]

WHAT CAN YOU ACHIEVE... AND WHEN?



EUROPE





Schengen area

EU customs union

EEA

EU

Eurozone

Sweden Denmark Czech Republic Hungary Poland

Netherlands Finland Latvia Estonia

France Belgium Germany Lithuania

Portugal Luxembourg Austria Slovakia

Spain Malta Italy Slovenia Greece

Monaco

Croatia

Northern Ireland

San Marino

Romania

Andorra

Bulgaria

Turkey

Ireland

Cyprus

EFTA

Iceland Norway Liechtenstein

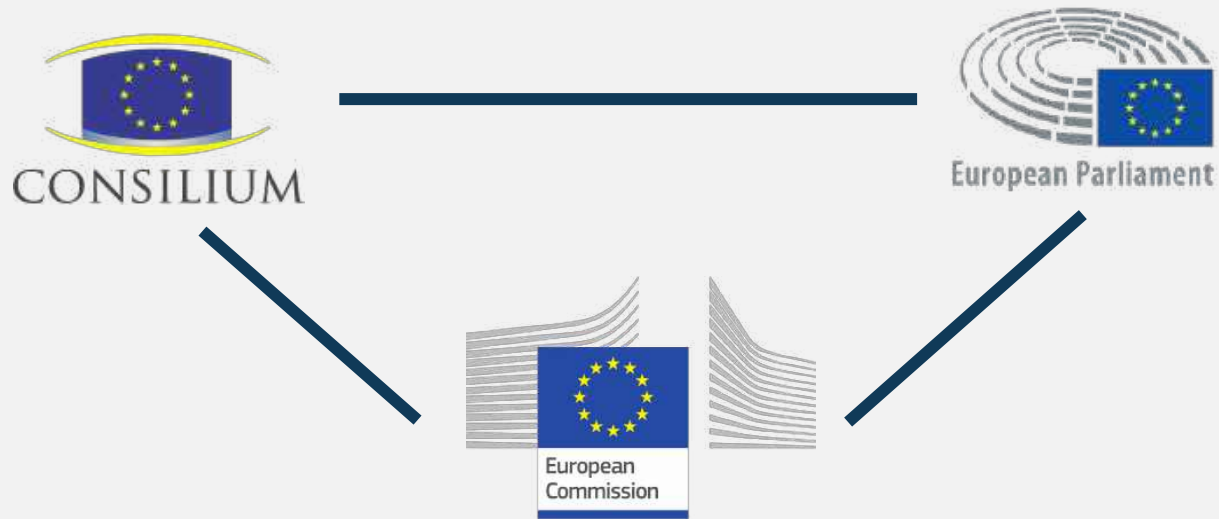
Switzerland

Gibraltar

UK



DECISION MAKING IN THE EU



AGENCIES (INC. ESAs)

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
European Medicines Agency (EMA)
European Banking Authority
European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority
European Securities and Markets Authority
European Systemic Risk Board

≡ MENU

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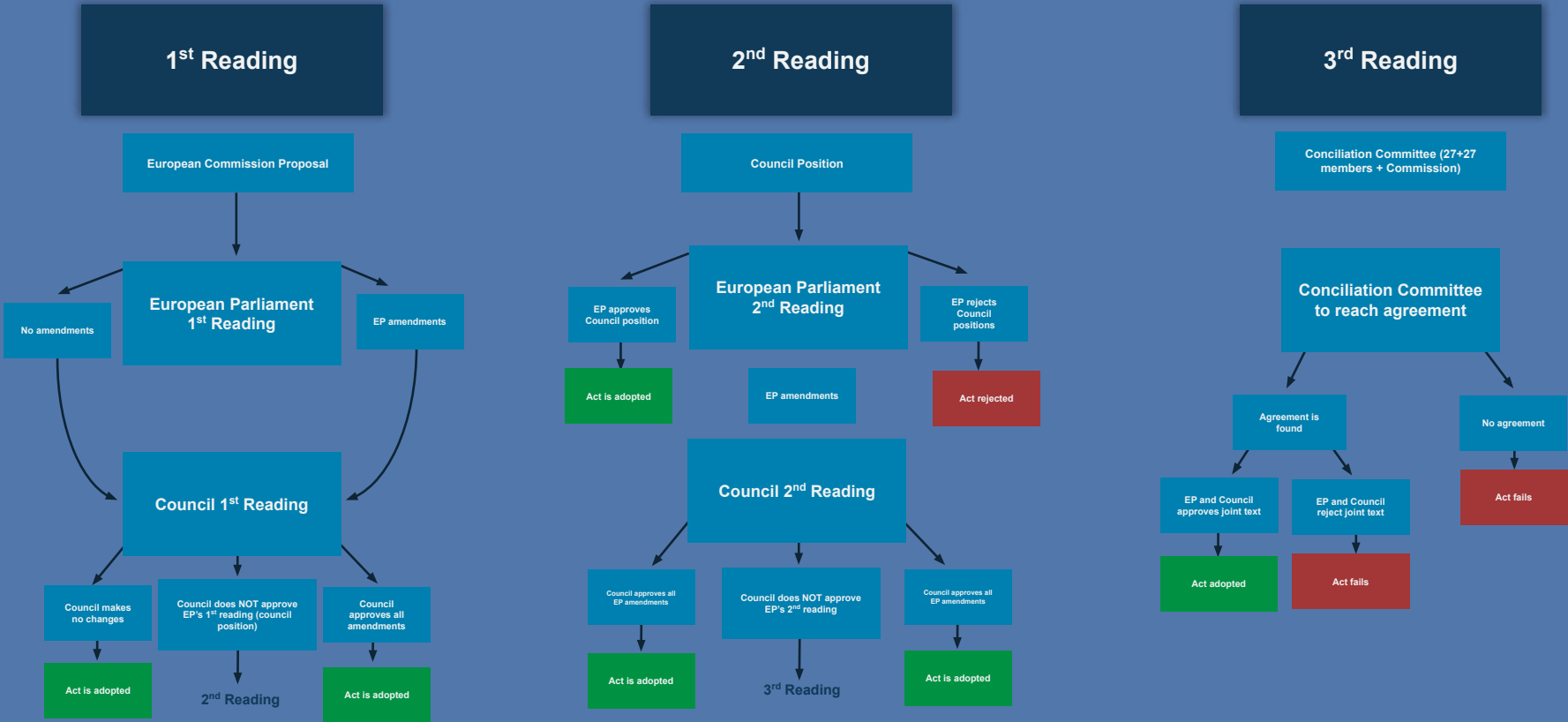
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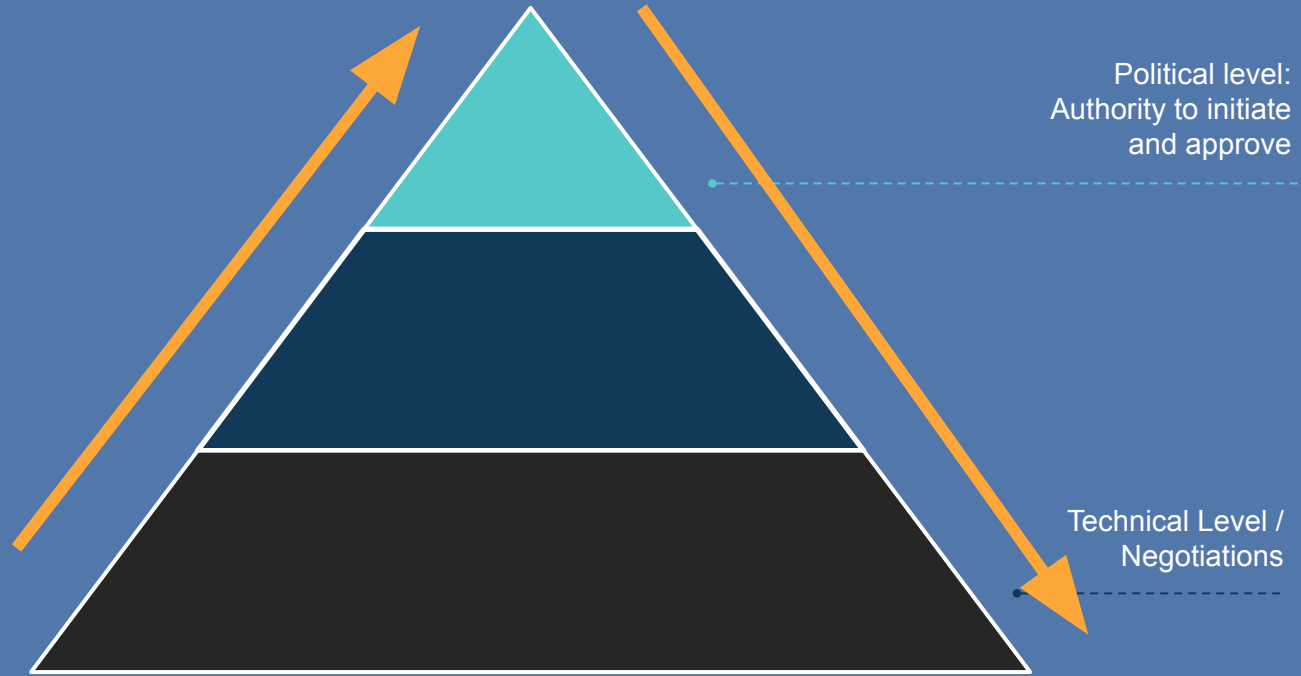
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THE ORDINARY LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE



POLICY MAKING IN THE INSTITUTIONS



DECISION MAKING INSIDE EU INSTITUTIONS

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Absolute majority

Unanimity
(consensus)

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Simple majority

Absolute majority

Special majority

EUROPEAN MINISTERS (MEMBER STATES)

Unanimity

Qualified majority

- 55%
- 65%

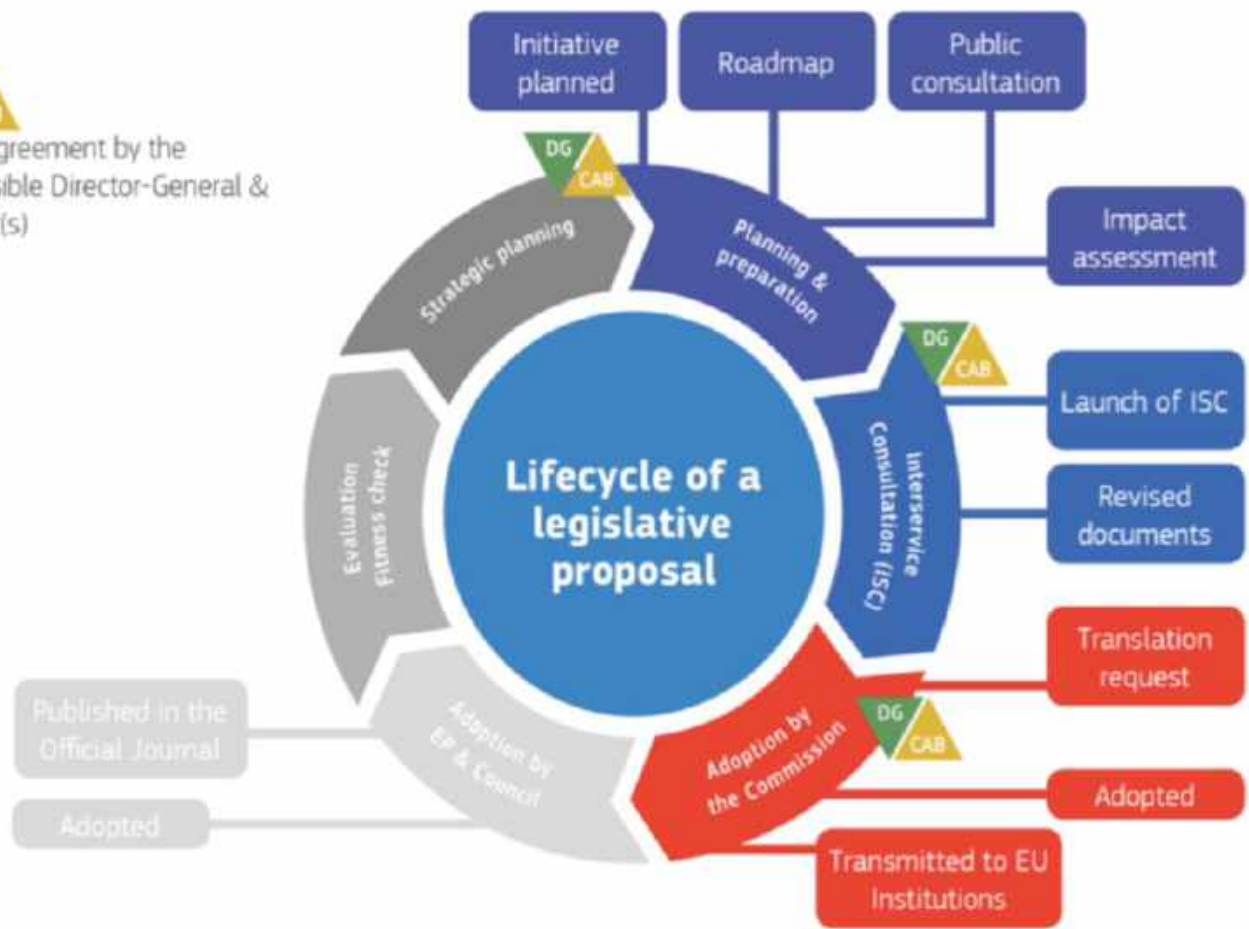
WHAT INFLUENCES THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO INITIATE LEGISLATION?



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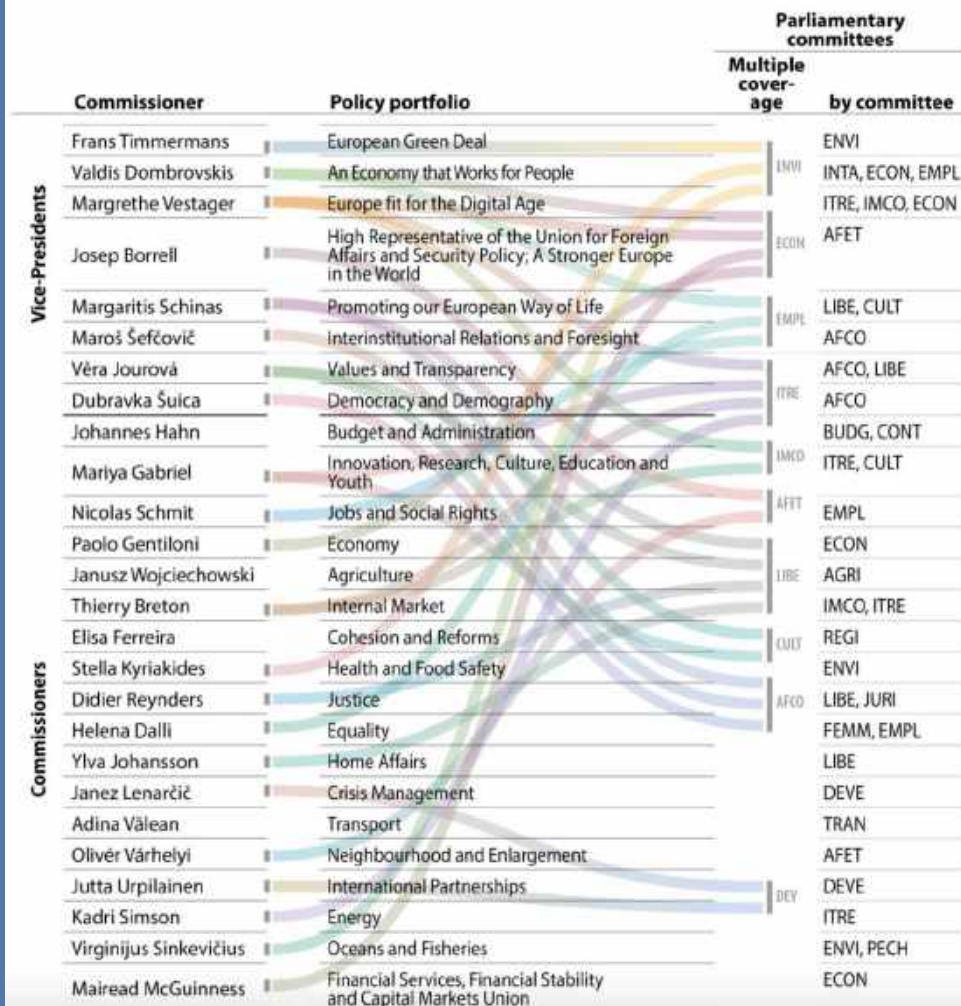


THE COUNTRY I KNOW BEST






Commissioners' relationships with EP Committees




4 'Hats' of an MEP



Political
party



National
(country)



Sector
(policy)



'Personal'



Council preparatory bodies

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Working parties by Council configuration

- Agriculture and Fisheries Council
- Competitiveness Council
- Economic and Financial Affairs Council
- Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council
- Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council

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- > [Ad Hoc Working Party on Genetically Modified Organisms \(GMO\)](#)
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The list of meetings of the Council preparatory bodies is included in the following document:

The Council is supported by the Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Governments of the Member States to the European Union (**Coreper**) and more than **150 highly specialised working parties and committees**, known as the 'Council preparatory bodies'.

The preparatory bodies can be divided into two main categories:

Questions?

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