

EU DECISION-MAKING: PROCEDURE AND INFLUENCE

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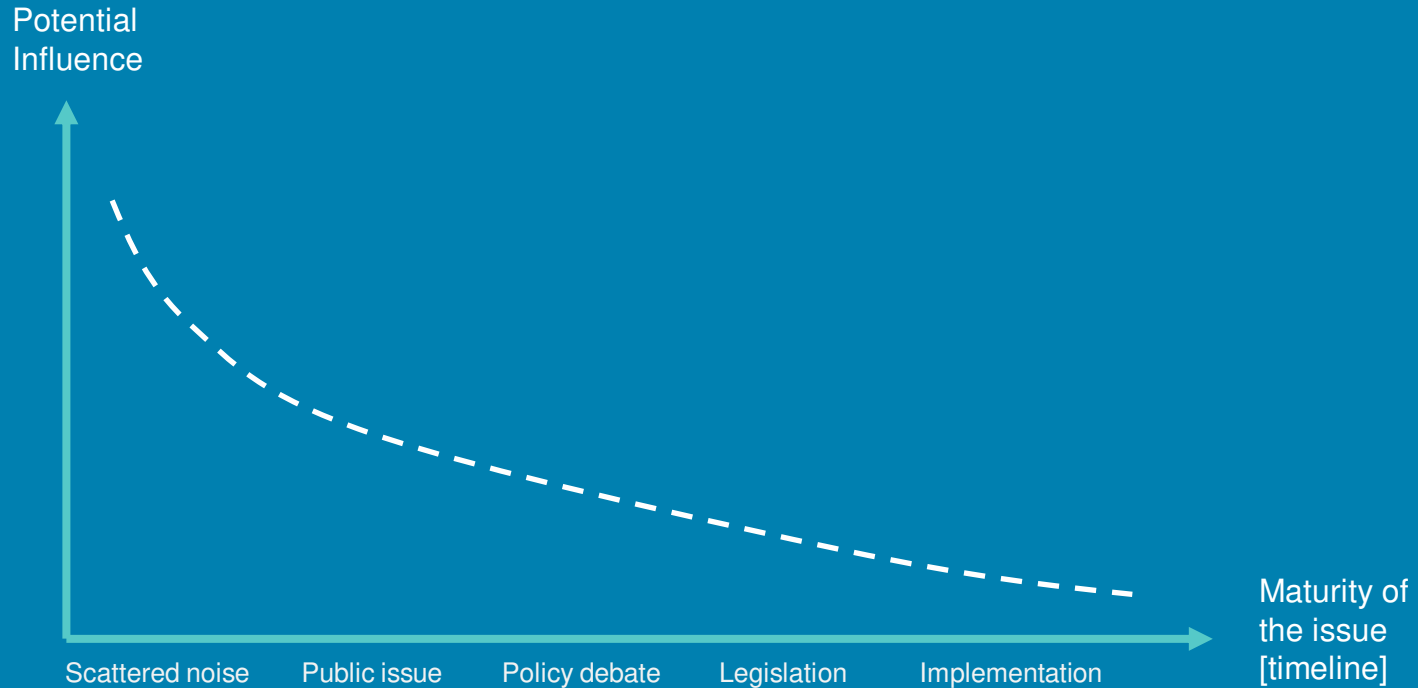
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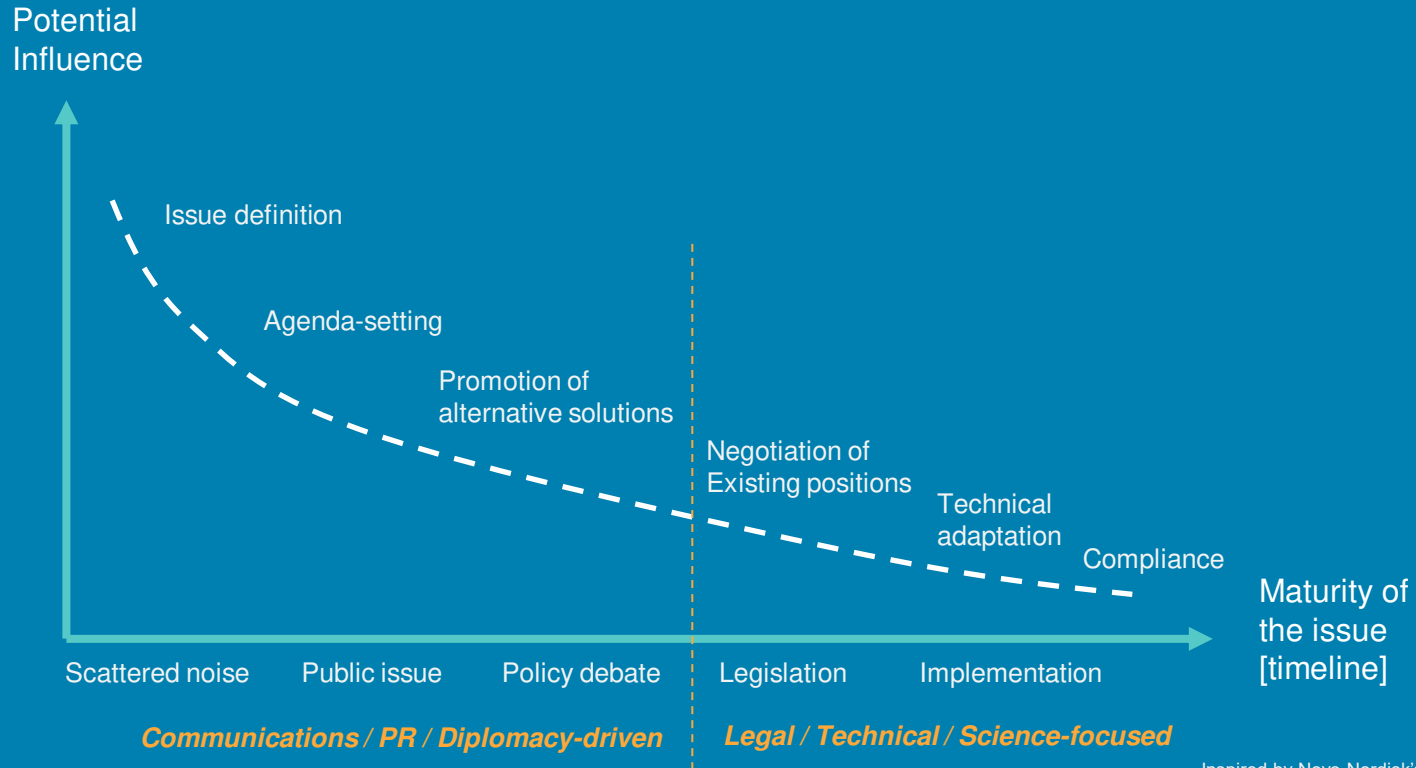
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- **Understanding decision-making processes:** European Commission, Council and Parliament
 - **EU elections:** Timeline & Impact
 - **Tools and sources:** how and where to find essential info/intel, stakeholders

AGENDA FOR TODAY

WHAT CAN YOU ACHIEVE... AND WHEN?



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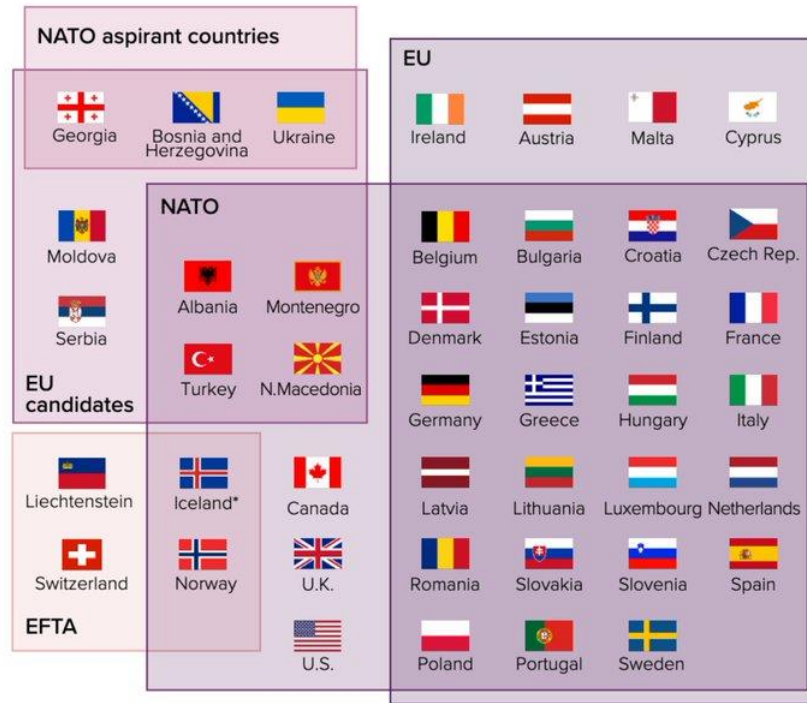


EUROPE



SWEDEN JOINS NATO CLUB

Sweden has officially become the Western military alliance's 32nd member. That leaves only four EU member countries now out of the club — Ireland, Malta, Austria and Cyprus.



*Iceland has not officially withdrawn its EU application, but in 2015 its government requested that "Iceland should not be regarded as a candidate country for EU membership."

SOURCE: POLITICO research, European Union, NATO, EFTA

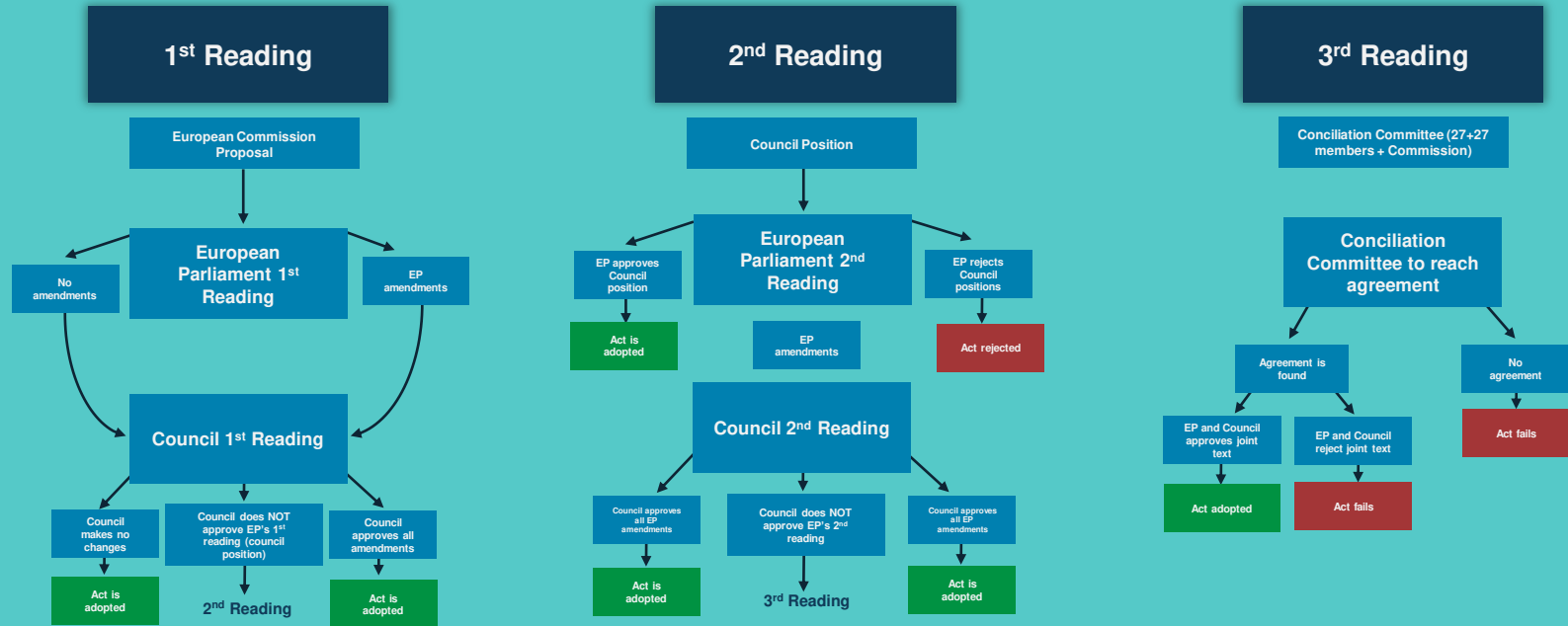
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THE ORDINARY LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE



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%



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Voting calculator

Council of the EU

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Set the votes for each country

Countries participating	Votes	Reset all to Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All countries participating <input type="checkbox"/> Only Eurozone countries participating		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Austria 1.98% of population	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belgium 2.56% of population	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Estonia 0.30% of population	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	
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Choose the voting rule

Voting rule Qualified majority

Voting result



Final result

Approved

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27

member states

Minimum "Yes" required for adoption: (55%) 15

27

Yes

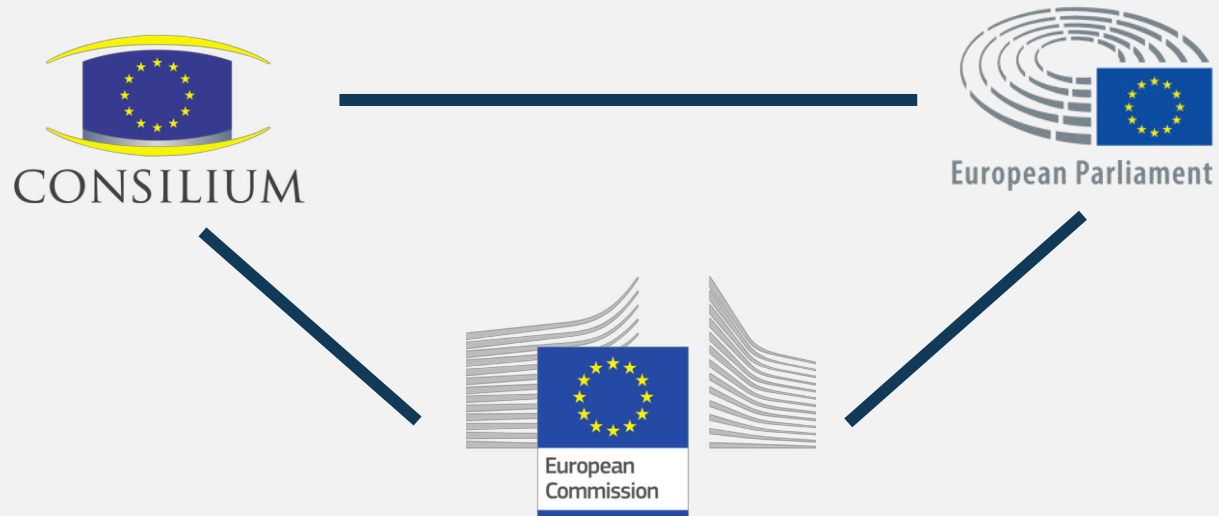
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No

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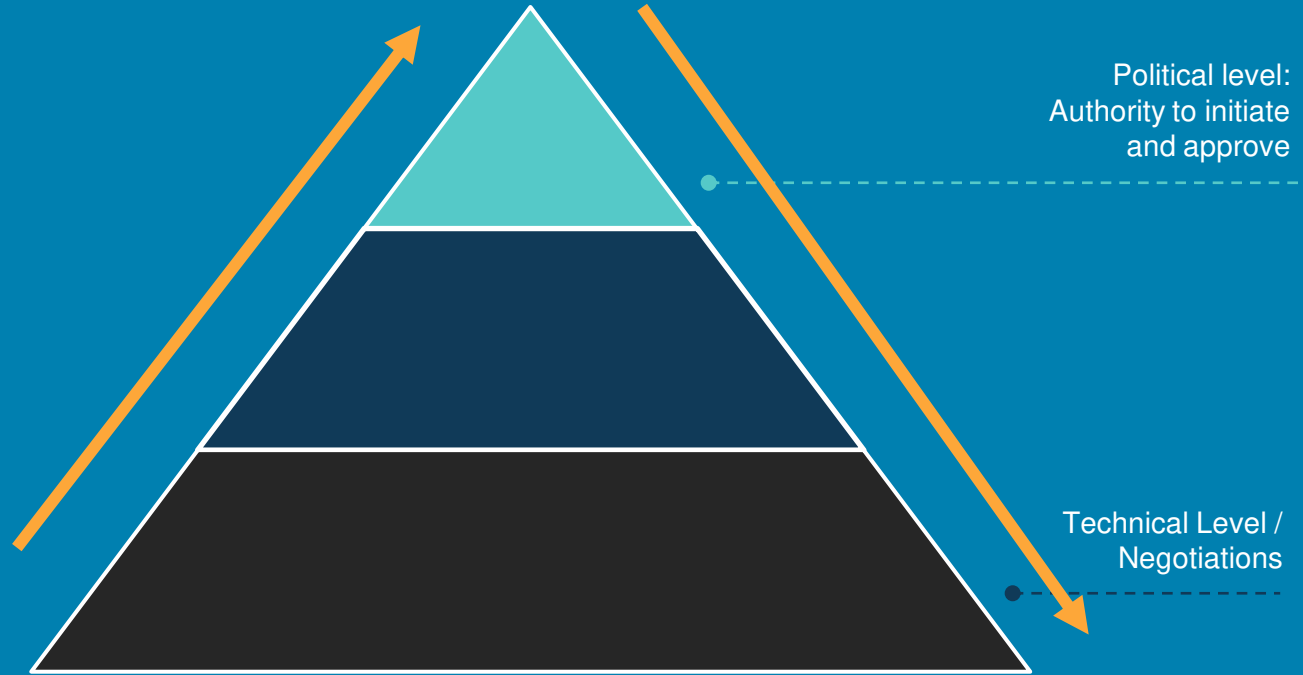
DECISION MAKING IN THE EU



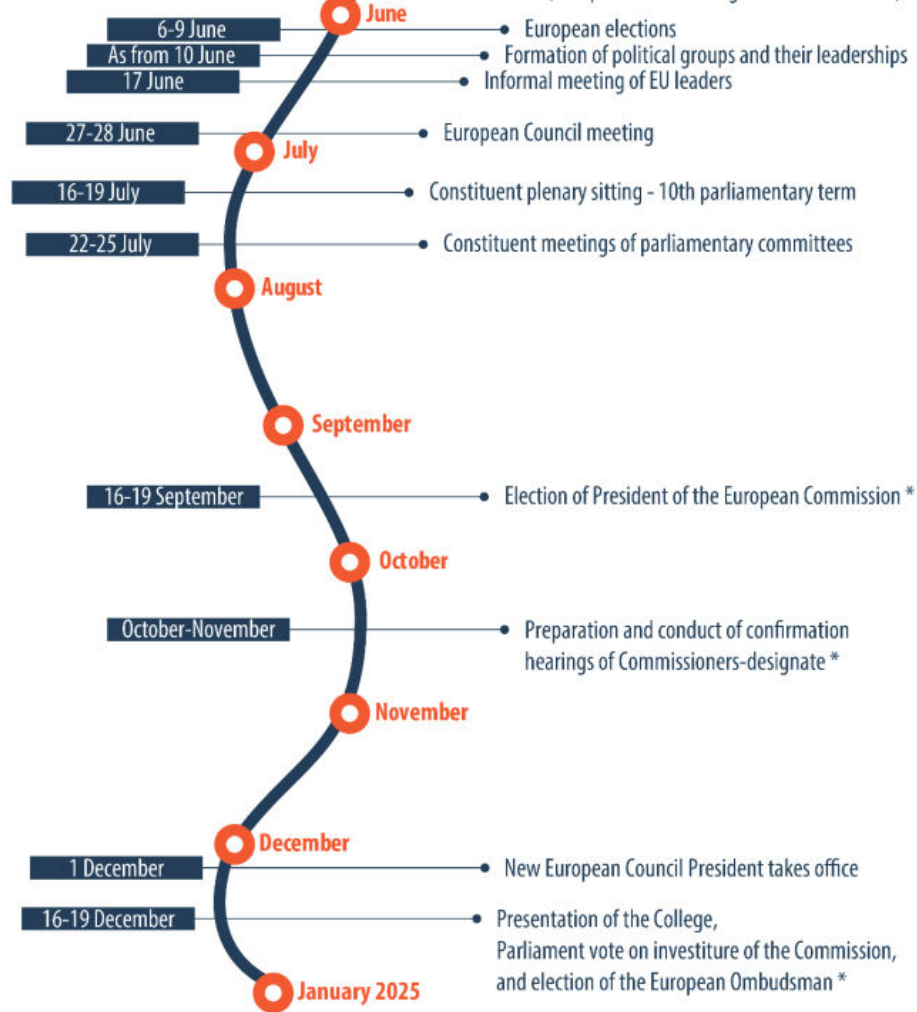
AGENCIES (INC. ESAs)

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

POLICY MAKING IN THE INSTITUTIONS

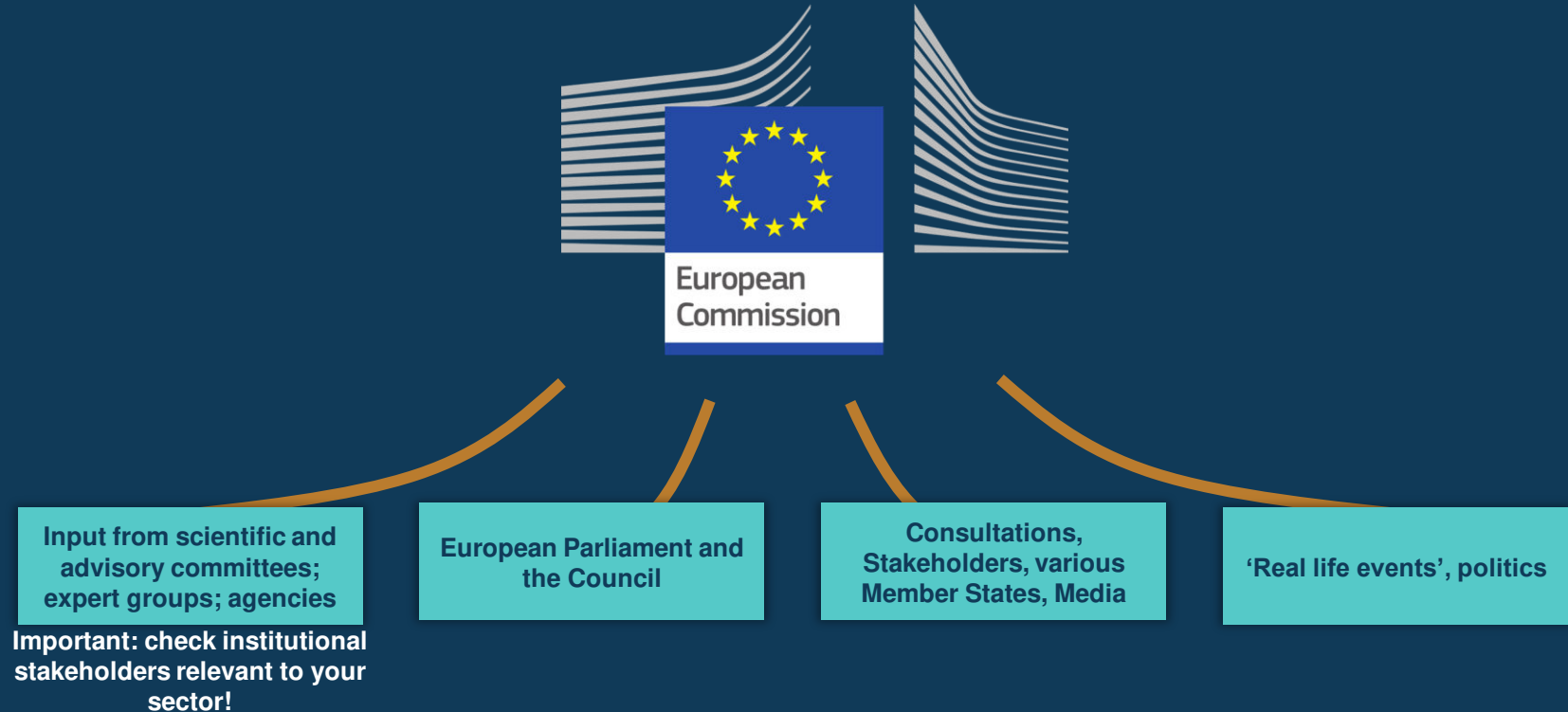


THE EU ELECTIONS: New Parliament, New Council, New Commission



* These dates concerning the installation of the new European Commission represent the scenario currently considered most likely, but a different timetable could unfold, depending on the political situation after the elections. In particular, the timings will depend on decisions of the Conference of Presidents in the new Parliament.

WHAT INFLUENCES THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION TO INITIATE LEGISLATION?



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No.	Policy objective	Initiatives
A European Green Deal		
1.	Zero pollution package	a) Revision of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q2 2022) b) Integrated water management – revised lists of surface and groundwater pollutants (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192 TFEU, Q3 2021) c) Revision of EU ambient air quality legislation (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192 TFEU, Q3 2022)
2.	Climate measures package	a) Review of EU rules on fluorinated greenhouse gases (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1) TFEU, Q2 2022) b) EU framework for harmonised measurement of transport and logistics emissions (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 91 and 100(2) TFEU, Q4 2022) c) Review of the CO2 emission standards for heavy-duty vehicles (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1) TFEU, Q4 2022) d) Carbon removal certification (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1) TFEU, Q4 2022)
3.	Circular economy	Initiative on the right to repair (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q3 2022)
4.	Plastics package	a) Policy framework for bio-based, biodegradable and compostable plastics (non-legislative, Q2 2022) b) Restriction on microplastics (non-legislative, Q4 2022) c) Measures to reduce the release of microplastics in the environment (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q4 2022)
5.	Biodiversity and Farm to fork	Sustainable use of pesticides – revision of the EU rules (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1) TFEU, Q1 2022)
A Europe Fit for the Digital Age		
6.	Cyber resilience	European cyber resilience act (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q3 2022)
7.	Semi-conductors	European chips act (legislative or non-legislative, Q2 2022)
8.	Security and defence	Roadmap on security and defence technologies (non-legislative, Q1 2022)



European Commission 2019

Allocation of responsibilities and supporting services ¹

Responsibilities	Names	Services
<i>President of the Commission</i>	Ursula von der Leyen	Secretariat-General (SG) Legal Service (LS) DG Communication (COMM) , including the Spokespersons' Service (SPP) I.D.E.A.
<i>The European Green Deal Climate Action Policy</i>	Frans Timmermans	Secretariat-General for the Executive Vice-President coordination role DG Climate Action (DG CLIMA) for the Commissioner's role
<i>A Europe fit for the Digital Age Competition</i>	Margrethe Vestager	Secretariat-General for the Executive Vice-President coordination role DG Competition (DG COMP) for the Commissioner's role <u>Changes for DG COMP:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Unit AGRI.1.2 (State Aid) moves from DG AGRI to DG COMP</i> - <i>The relevant part of Unit MARE.E.4 (Legal Affairs), dealing with state aid, moves from DG MARE to DG COMP</i>
<i>An Economy that Works for People Financial Services</i>	Valdis Dombrovskis	Secretariat-General for the Executive Vice-President coordination role DG Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (DG FISMA) for the Commissioner's role. <u>Changes for DG FISMA:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Unit JUST.B.3 (Financial Crime) dealing with anti-money laundering moves from DG JUST to DG FISMA</i> - <i>The part of Unit FPI.5 dealing with sanctions moves from FPI to DG FISMA</i> <u>Responsible for relations with:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European Banking Authority (EBA) - European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) - European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) - European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) - Single Resolution Board (SRB)



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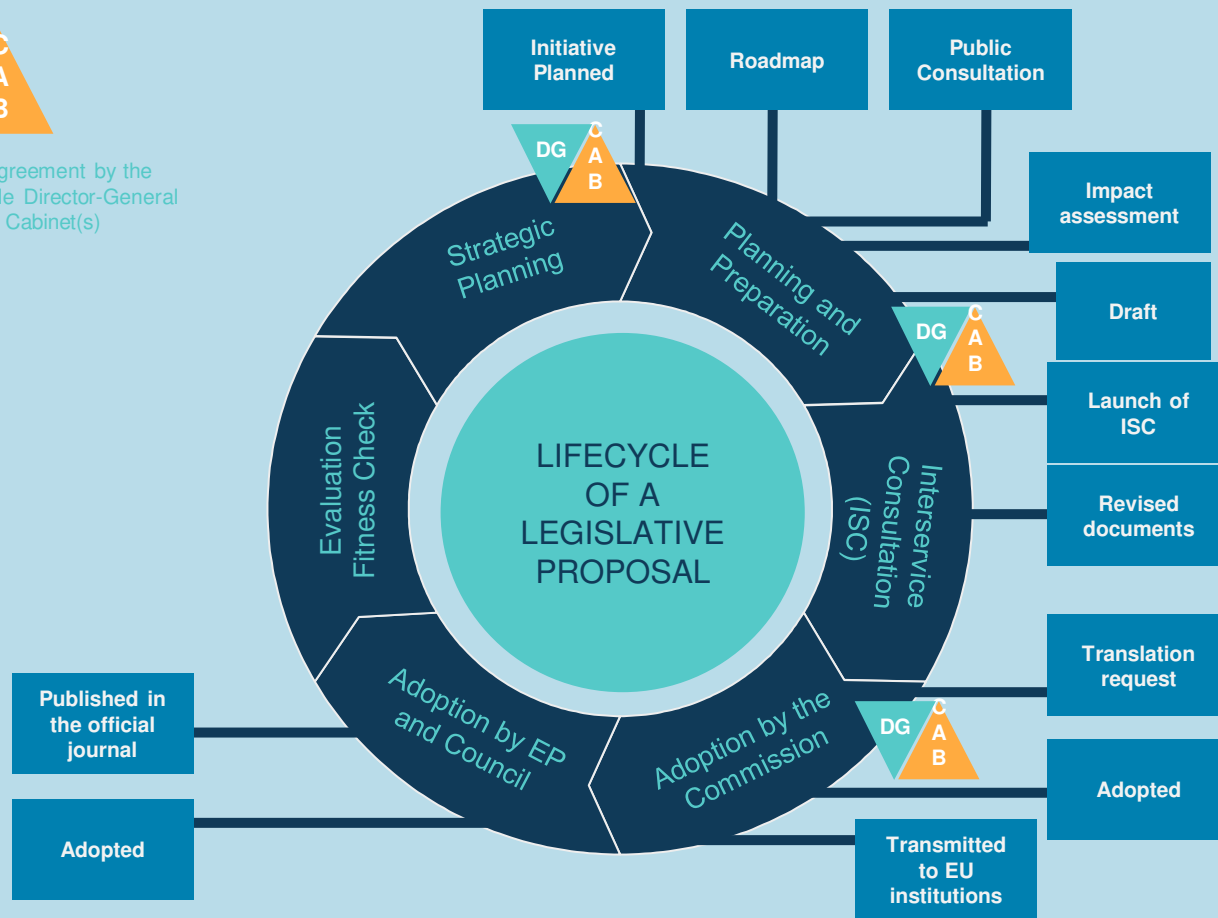
HIERARCHY OF EU LEGAL NORMS



- Soft law [recommendations, guidelines]
- Other EU law [inter-institutional agreements, rules of procedure]
- Implementing + Delegated Acts [Regulation, Directive, Decision]
 - Legislation [Regulation, Directive, Decision]
 - Treaties [TEU, TFEU, as amended by ToL]



Prior agreement by the
responsible Director-General
& Cabinet(s)



European Parliament 1st Reading

Reject the
proposal (only
in EPs RoP)

No
amendments

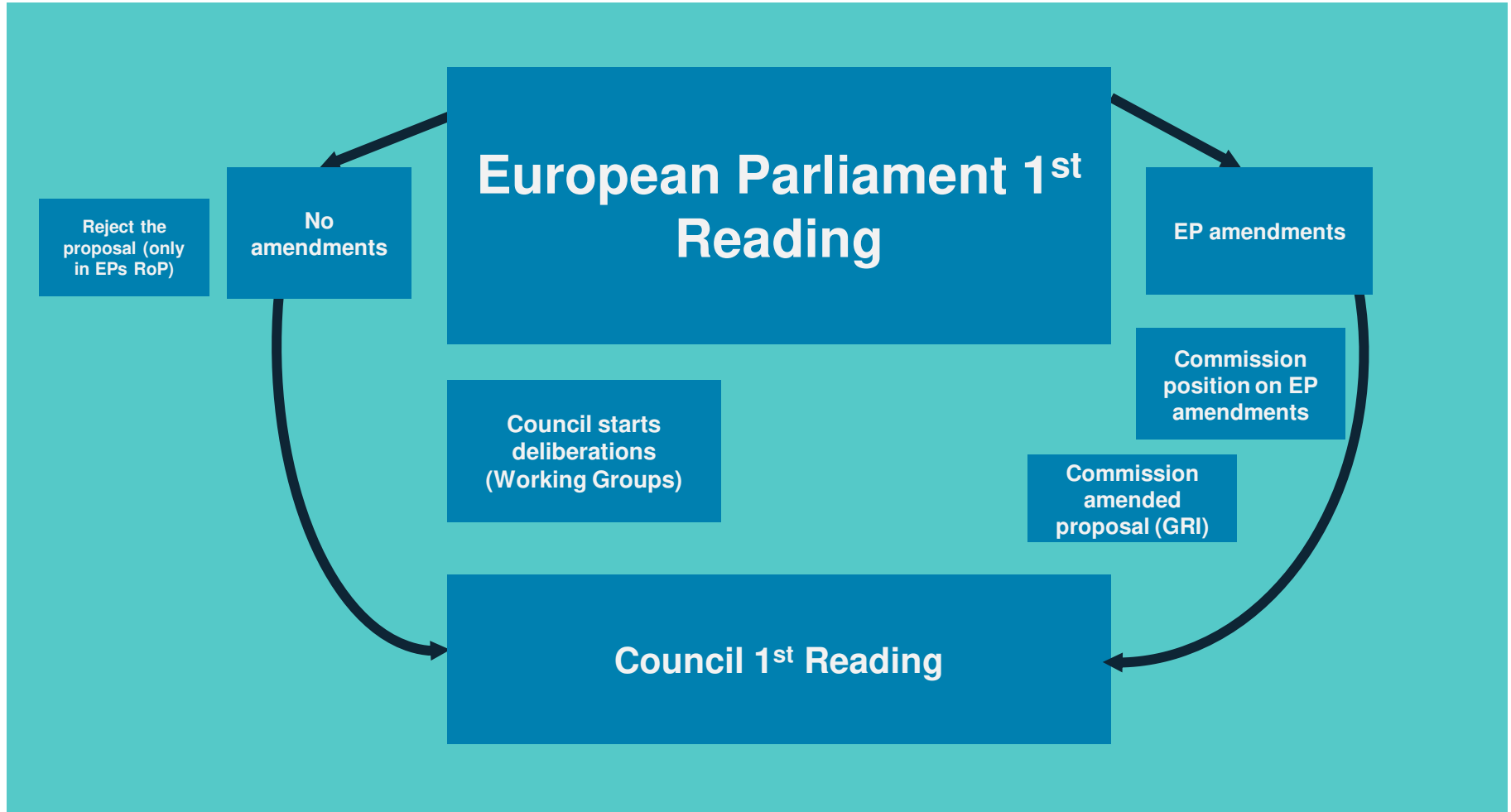
EP amendments

Commission
position on EP
amendments

Commission
amended
proposal (GRI)

Council starts
deliberations
(Working Groups)

Council 1st Reading

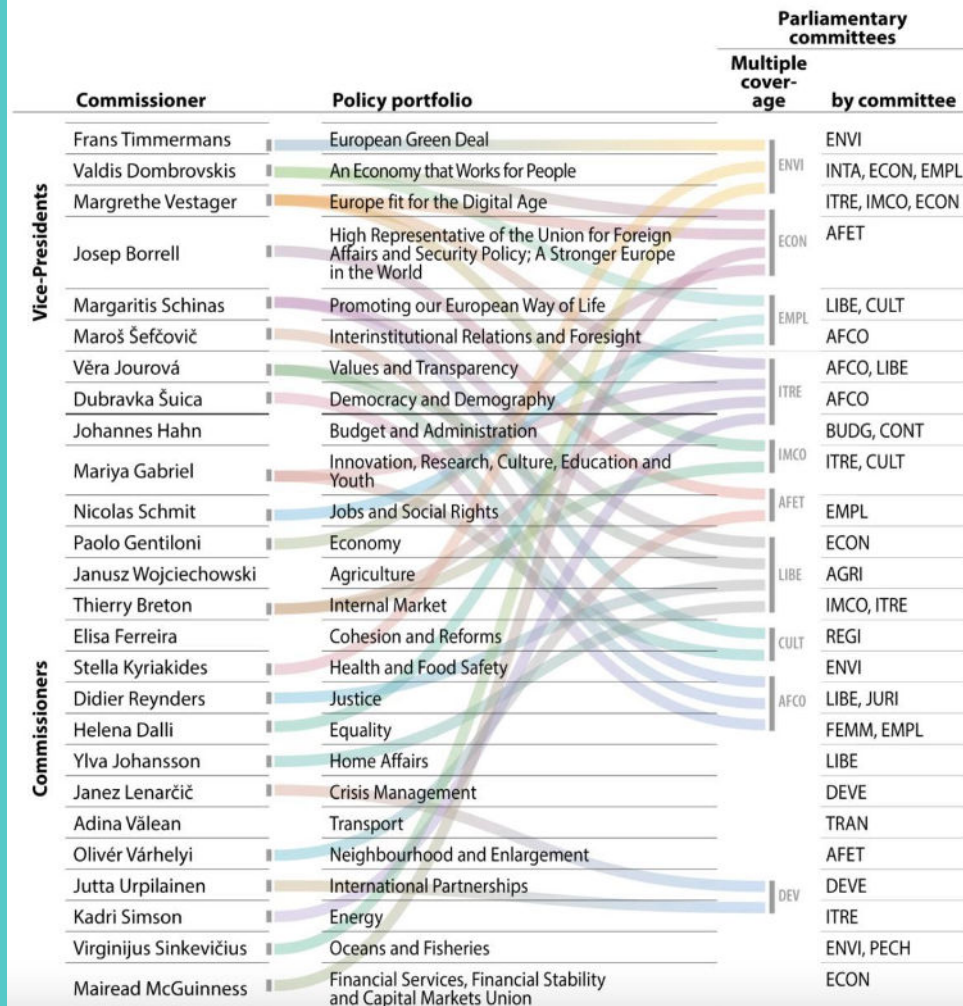


From 705
To 720 MEPs

Source: European Parliament,
2024



Commissioners' relationships with EP Committees



Green Deal – The Coordinators

logos earn trust.
make change.



European Parliament

1 February 2020 – H1 2024

David Sassoli



Lorenzo Mannelli
Head of Cabinet

Klaus Welle
Secretary General

"I want the European Green Deal to become Europe's hallmark. At the heart of it is our commitment to becoming the world's first climate-neutral continent. It is also a long-term economic imperative: those who act first and fastest will be the ones who grasp the opportunities from the ecological transition. I want Europe to be the front-runner. I want Europe to be the exporter of knowledge, technologies and best practice."

— Ursula von der Leyen
President of the European Commission

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Public Health and
Food Safety



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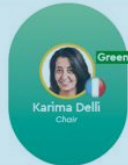


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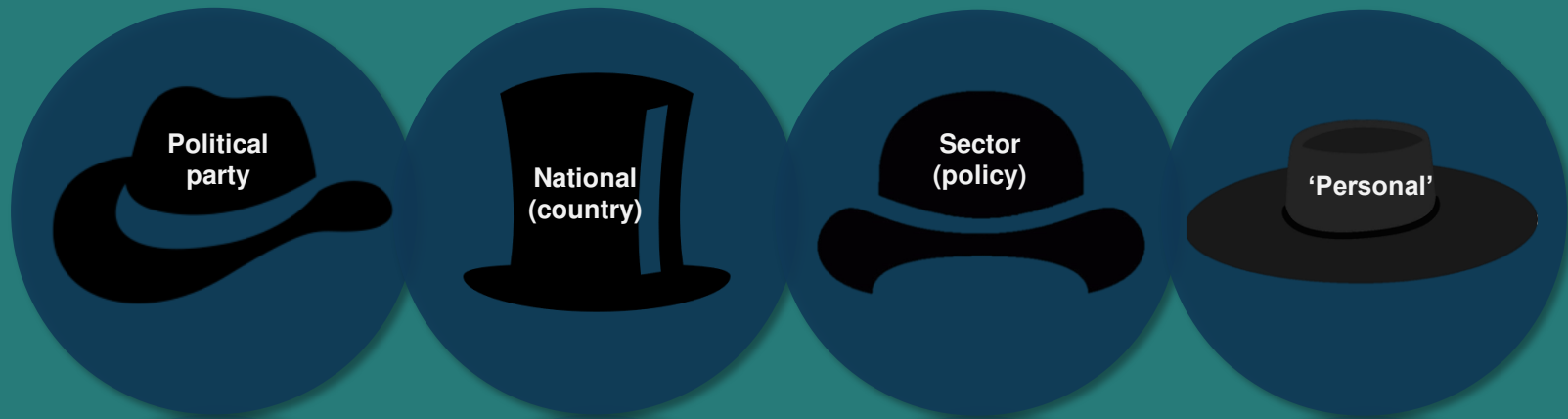


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4 'Hats' of an MEP



EXAMPLE: 2018/172(COD)

Single Use Plastics

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible

ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Rapporteur

 RIES Frédérique

Shadow rapporteur

 FLORENZ Karl-Heinz

 PAOLUCCI Massimo

 DEMESMAEKER Mark

 BOYLAN Lynn

 AUKEN Margrete

 PEDICINI Piernicola

 GODDYN Sylvie

Committee for opinion

ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs

ITRE Industry, Research and Energy

AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development

PECH Fisheries

JURI Legal Affairs

Rapporteur for opinion

 KAPPEL Barbara

 KAPPEL Barbara

 ROPÉ Bronis

 BRIANO Renata

The committee decided not to give an opinion.

of the European




Commission

Commission DG

Environment

Commissioner

VELLA Karmenu

Key events			
28/05/2018	Legislative proposal published	COM(2018)0340	Summary
11/06/2018	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		
10/10/2018	Vote in committee, 1st reading/single reading		
11/10/2018	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0317/2018	Summary
22/10/2018	Debate in Parliament		
24/10/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
24/10/2018	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0411/2018	Summary
24/10/2018	Matter referred back to the committee responsible		
22/01/2019	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	PE632.990 GEDA/A/(2019)000622	
27/03/2019	Debate in Parliament		
27/03/2019	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T8-0305/2019	Summary
21/05/2019	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
05/06/2019	Final act signed		
05/06/2019	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/06/2019	Final act published in Official Journal		



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)
- Coreper I
- Working Party of Chief Veterinary Officers
- Working Party of Veterinary Experts
- Working Party on Agricultural Questions
- Working Party on Consumer Protection and Information
- Working Party on Foodstuff Quality
- Working Party on Foodstuffs
- Working Party on Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices
- Working Party on Technical Harmonisation

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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:



DELEGATIONS



- Presidency [chair of WG]
- Or: COREPER chair
- Council Secretariat [unit + LS + CoD unit]



- Rapporteur
- Shadow rapporteurs [or staff from political groups]
- EP Secretariat



- HoU or Director in charge
- SecGen
- Legal Service

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