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# EU Decision-Making: *Procedures and Engagement*

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**Overview of Europe's International Blocks**

**European Commission, Council, Parliament**

**Mapping the main stakeholders**

**The Ordinary Legislative Procedure**

**Tools and resources: how and where to find**

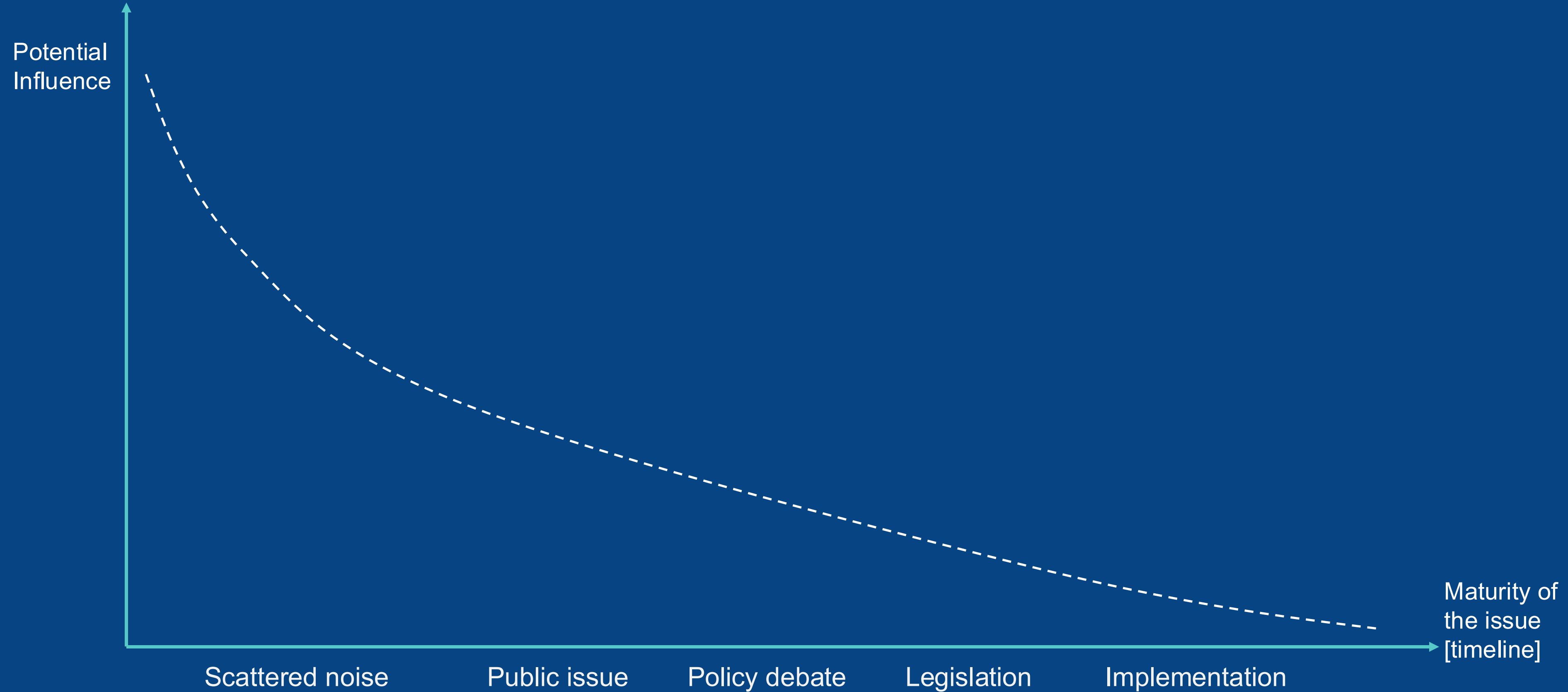
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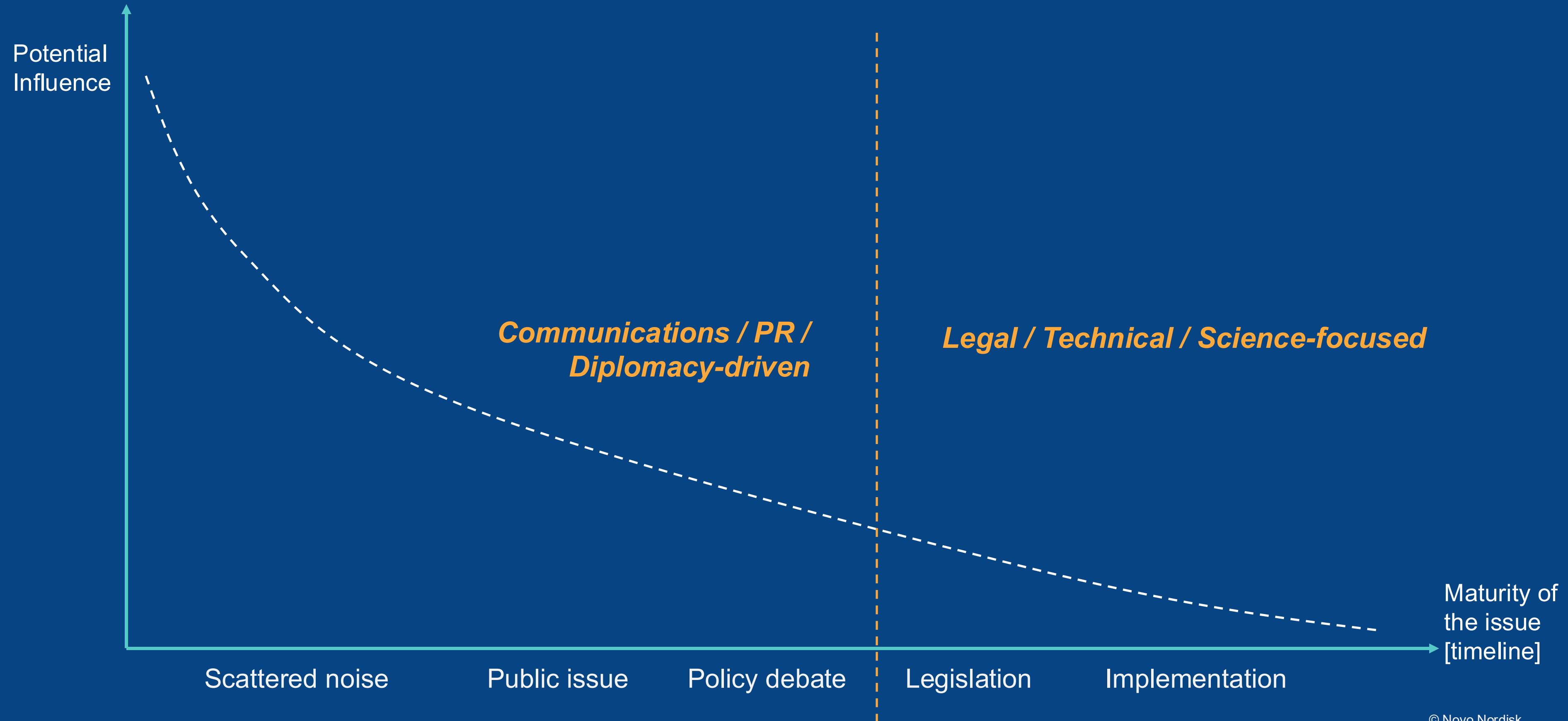
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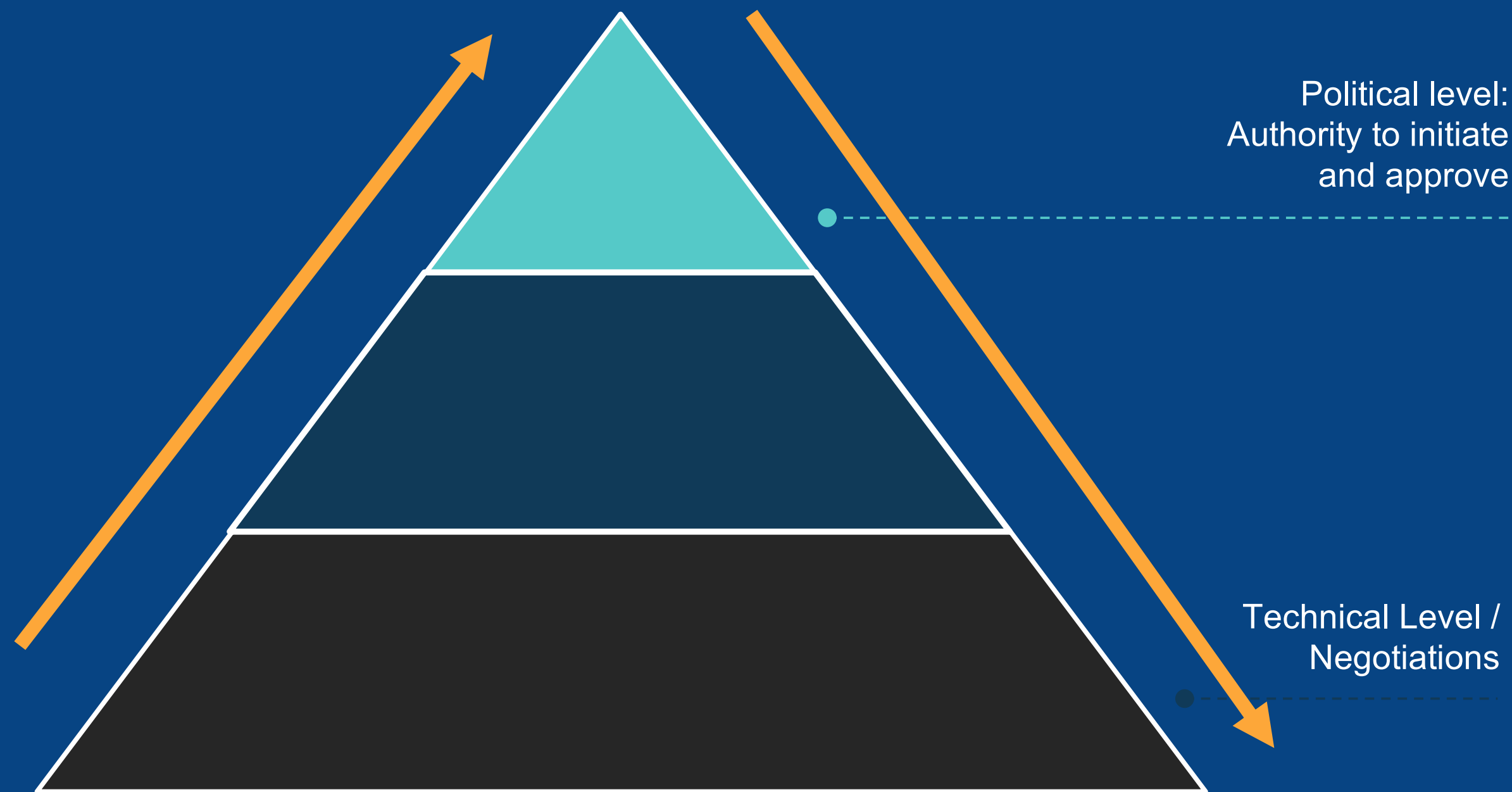
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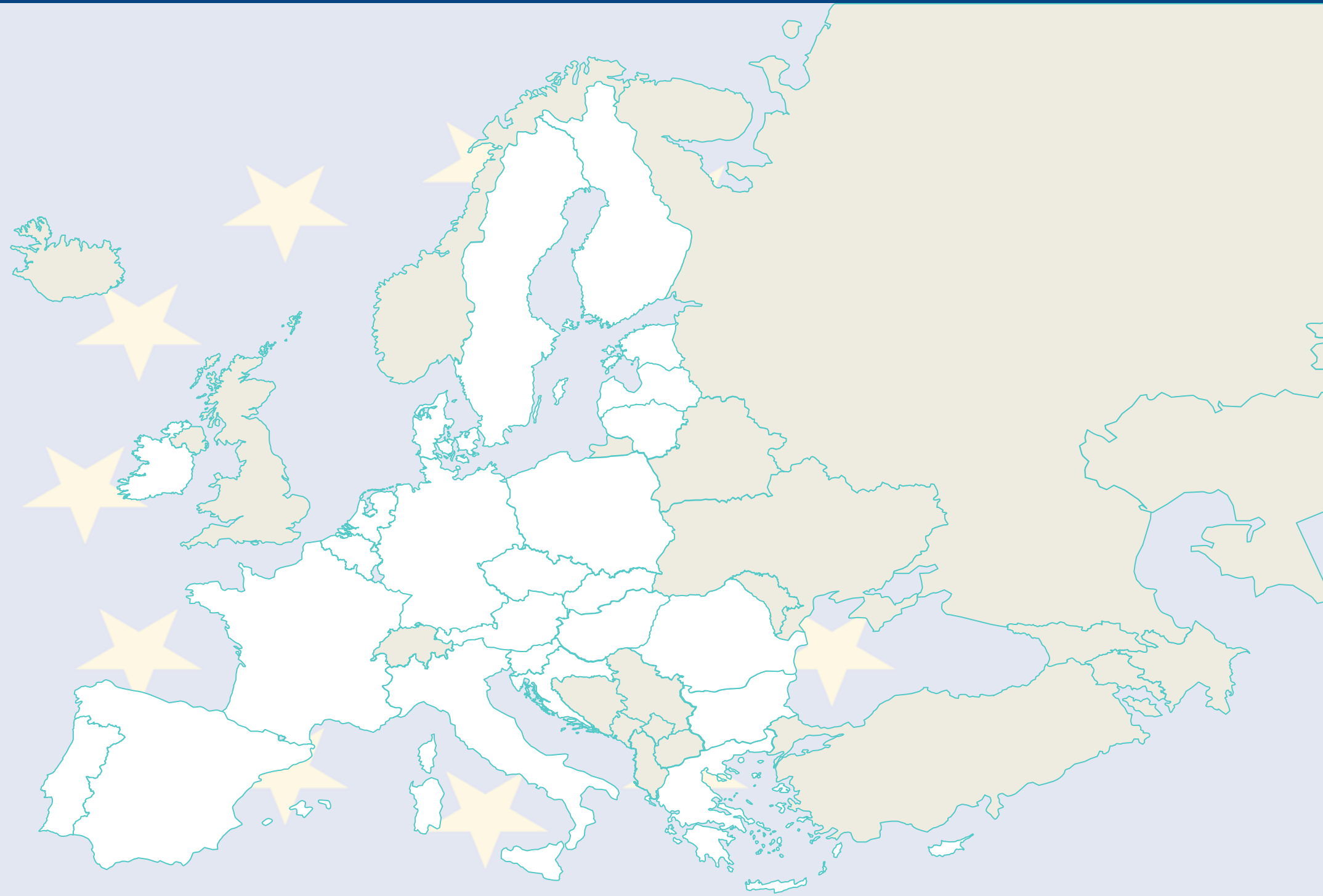
# What Can You Achieve... And When



# Policy-Making in the Institutions



# Defining the context – What is “the European level?”





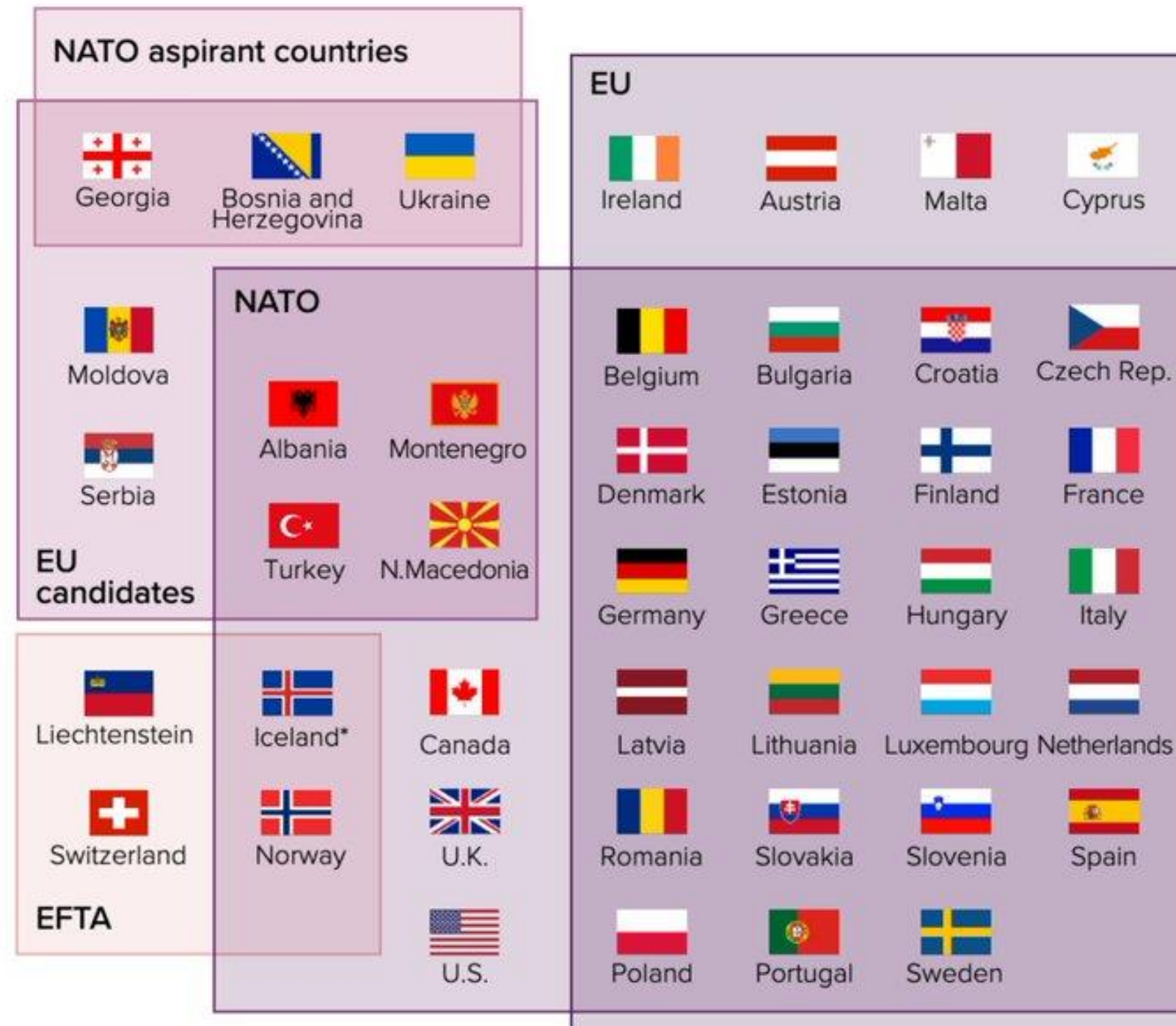
# The European Union

- 27 Member States. Population: 450 million
- 24 Official Languages
- € Zone: 20 Member States + 6 non-EU
- Schengen Area: 25 EU Member States + EFTA (Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Switzerland)



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\*Iceland has not officially withdrawn its EU application, but in 2015 its government requested that "Iceland should not be regarded as a candidate country for EU membership."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

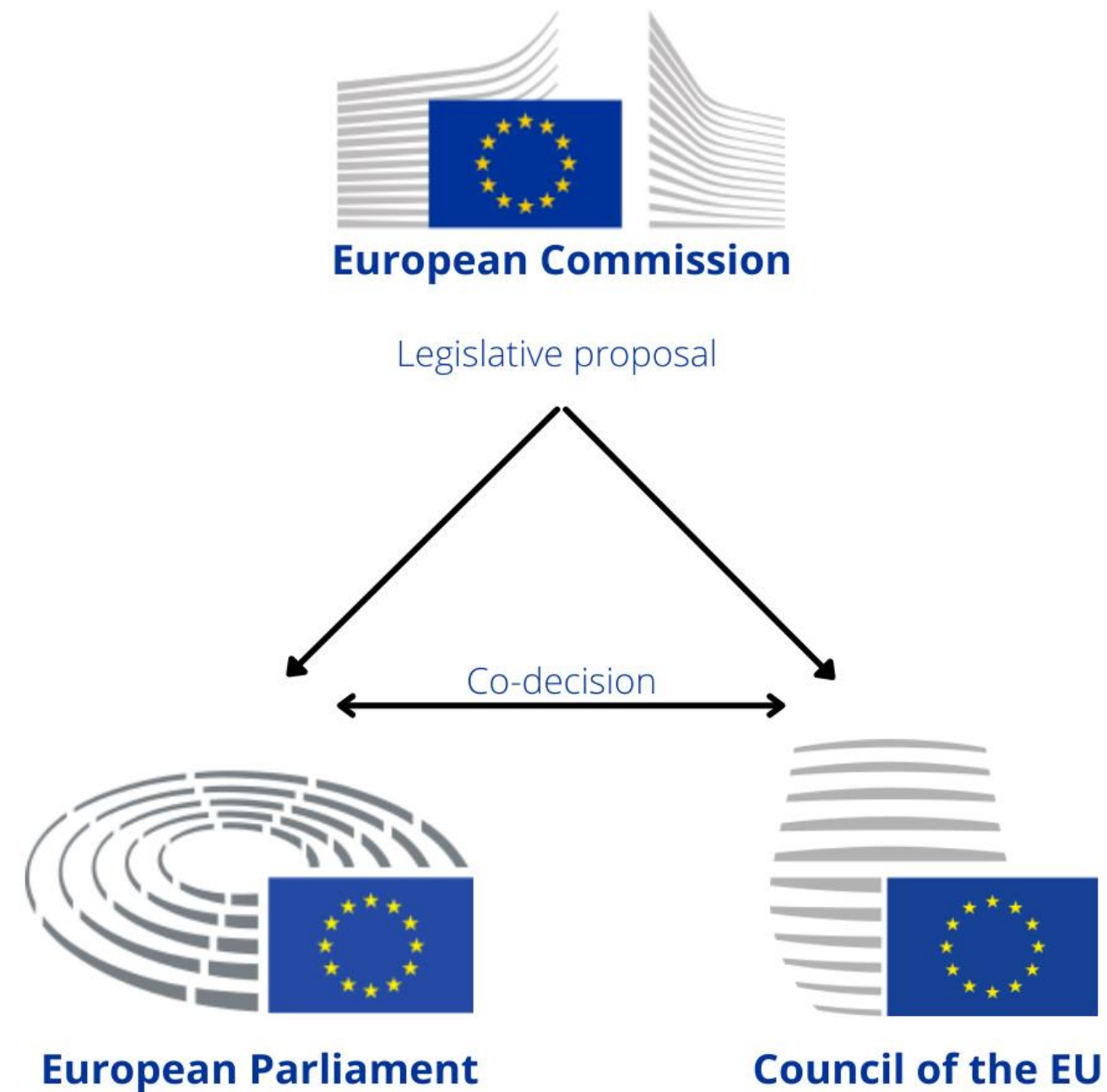
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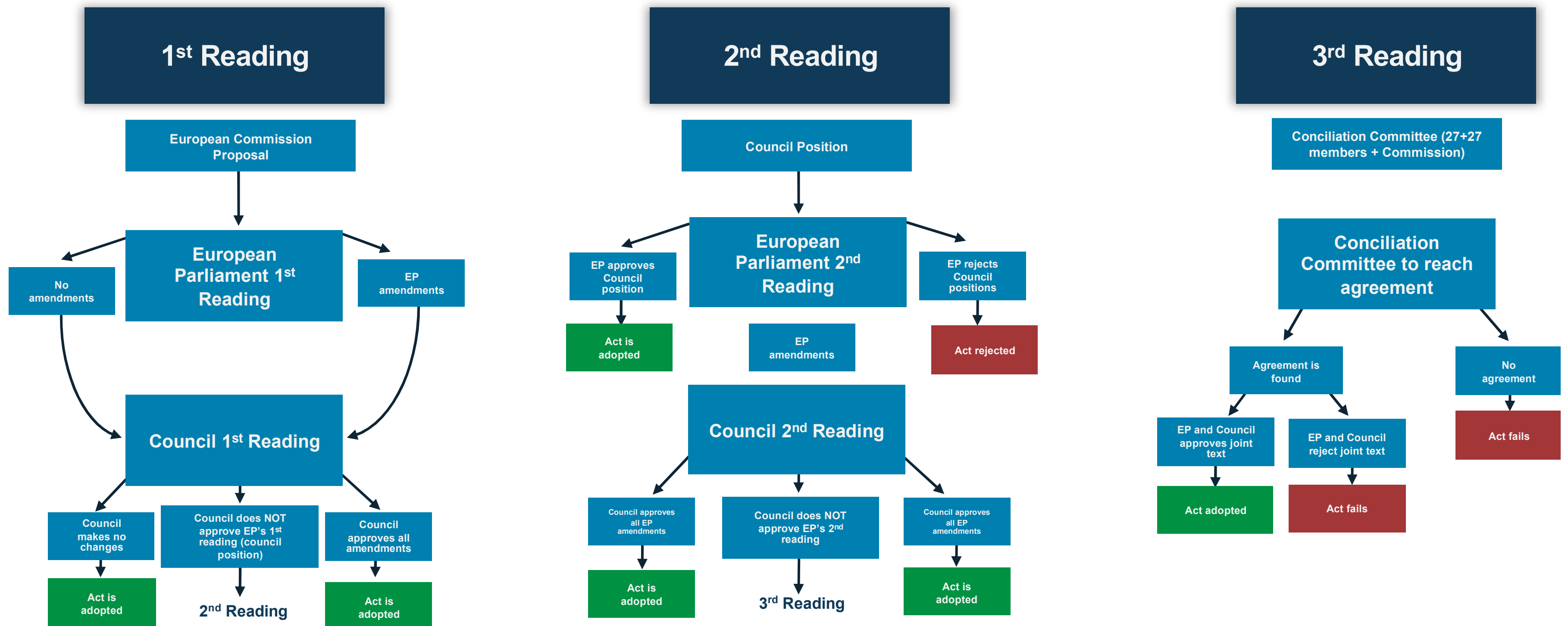
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# Decision-making in the EU Institutions



# The Ordinary Legislative Procedure. Any Questions?



# The Competences: What does the EU Regulate?



## Trade Policy ([Art. 207 TFEU](#))

Exclusive competences include:

- Management of trade and investment relationships w/ non-EU countries
- Making laws on trade matters
- Negotiating and concluding international trade agreements
- The EU's responsibilities cover: trade in goods and services; commercial aspects of intellectual property, such as patents; public procurement; foreign direct investment

# Decision-making in the EU Institutions

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- Power of initiative by Commission

- Sent to Parliament and Council, who:

- Adopt without changes;

- Amend the proposal and adopt it;

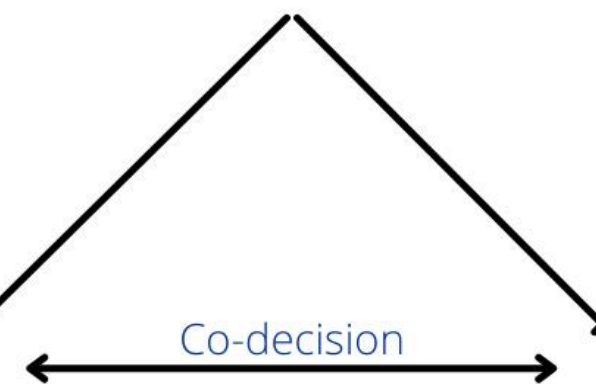
- Reject proposal



Legislative proposal



European Parliament



Council of the EU

Council and Parliament may:

- Adopt official

recommendations

- Ask the Commission for a proposal on a given topic

- Shape the mandate of a new Commission



# The European Commission

## Executive Body of the EU

1 Commissioner per Member State

Initiates and Fiscalizes EU Legislation

## President:

Elected by EU Parliament

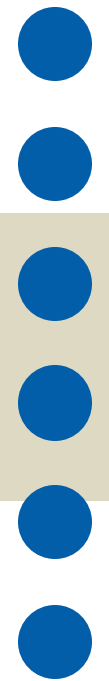
Currently: **Ursula Von der Leyen** (DE)

As an organization: 33 DGs, 6 agencies



> 32.000 employees

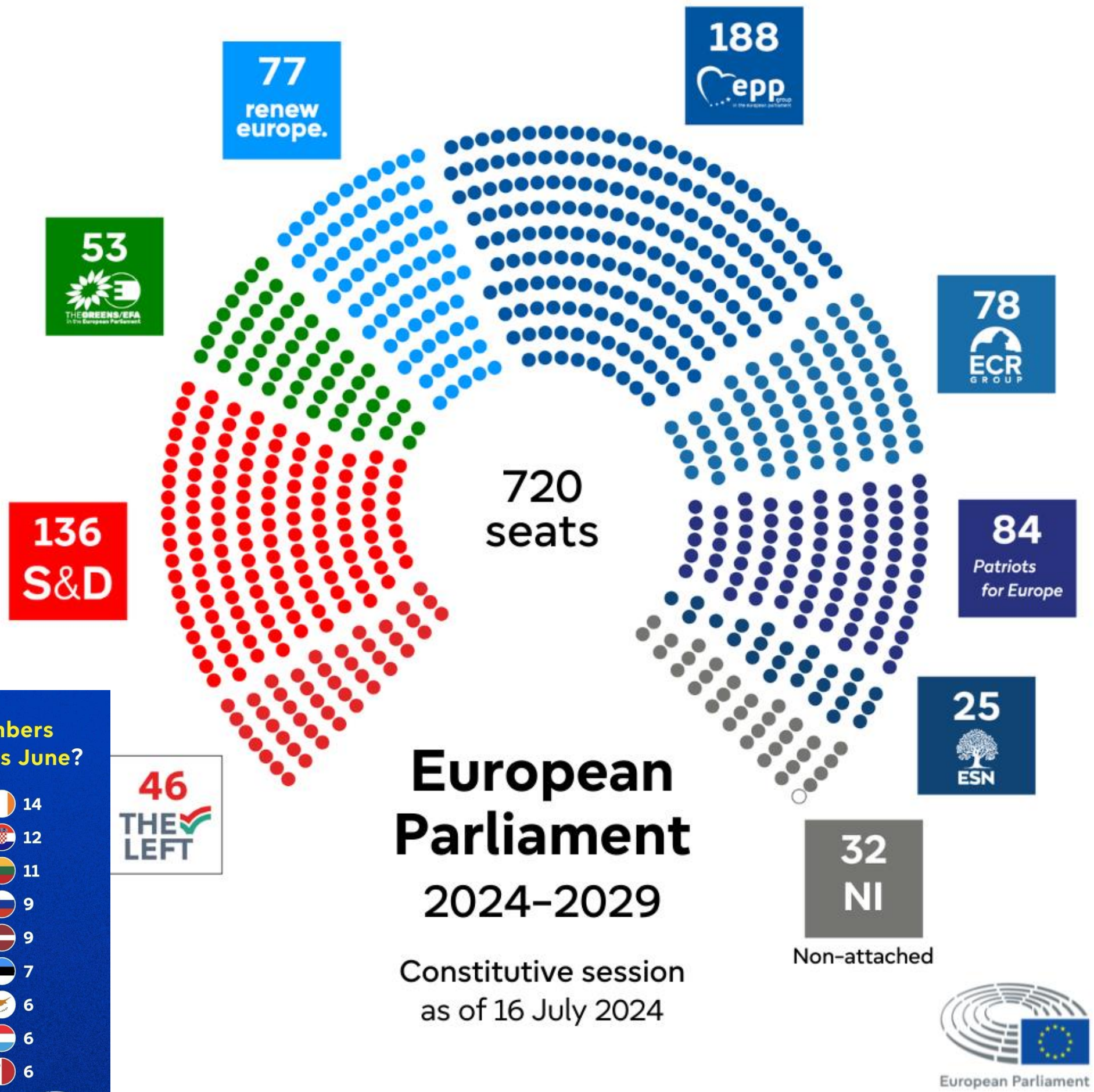






How many **Parliament members** will each EU country elect **this June**?

DE  <b>96</b>	CZ  <b>21</b>	IE  <b>14</b>
FR  <b>81</b>	SE  <b>21</b>	HR  <b>12</b>
IT  <b>76</b>	PT  <b>21</b>	LT  <b>11</b>
ES  <b>61</b>	HU  <b>21</b>	SI  <b>9</b>
PL  <b>53</b>	AT  <b>20</b>	LV  <b>9</b>
RO  <b>33</b>	BG  <b>17</b>	EE  <b>7</b>
NL  <b>31</b>	DK  <b>15</b>	CY  <b>6</b>
BE  <b>22</b>	FI  <b>15</b>	LU  <b>6</b>
EL  <b>21</b>	SK  <b>15</b>	MT  <b>6</b>



## The European Parliament

8 Political Groups  
# of Members (MEPs) per country = Population  
24 Committees  
Monthly Plenaries in Brussels / Strasbourg  
President elected by MEPs. Currently **Roberta Metsola** (MT, EPP)





# The Council of the EU vs. European Council



## Council of the European Union:

Highest Political Institution of the Union

Forum for negotiation of 27 Governments

Dozens of thematic Working Groups

**Presidency** rotates every 6 months

**European Council** : Periodic Official Meeting of the 27 Heads of State  
+ Parliament & Commission Presidents

**President** 2.5 Years renewable once. Currently **António Costa** (PT)



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# Questions?



# Main EU Stakeholders

● Mind the **Transparency Rules!**

● Transparency Register

● GDPR and Privacy

● Code of conduct and appropriate behavior

● Access to Documents

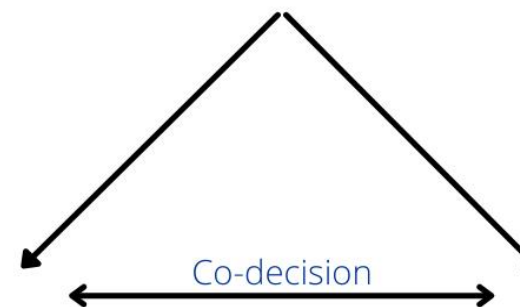
● **MEPs leading Committees/Groups**

● Rapporteurs

● *APAs—Policy Assistants*



Legislative proposal



European Parliament



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**Commissioners**

Heads of Unit/ Sector /Directors

*Policy Officers*

**Ministers**

Ambassadors

*National attachés*

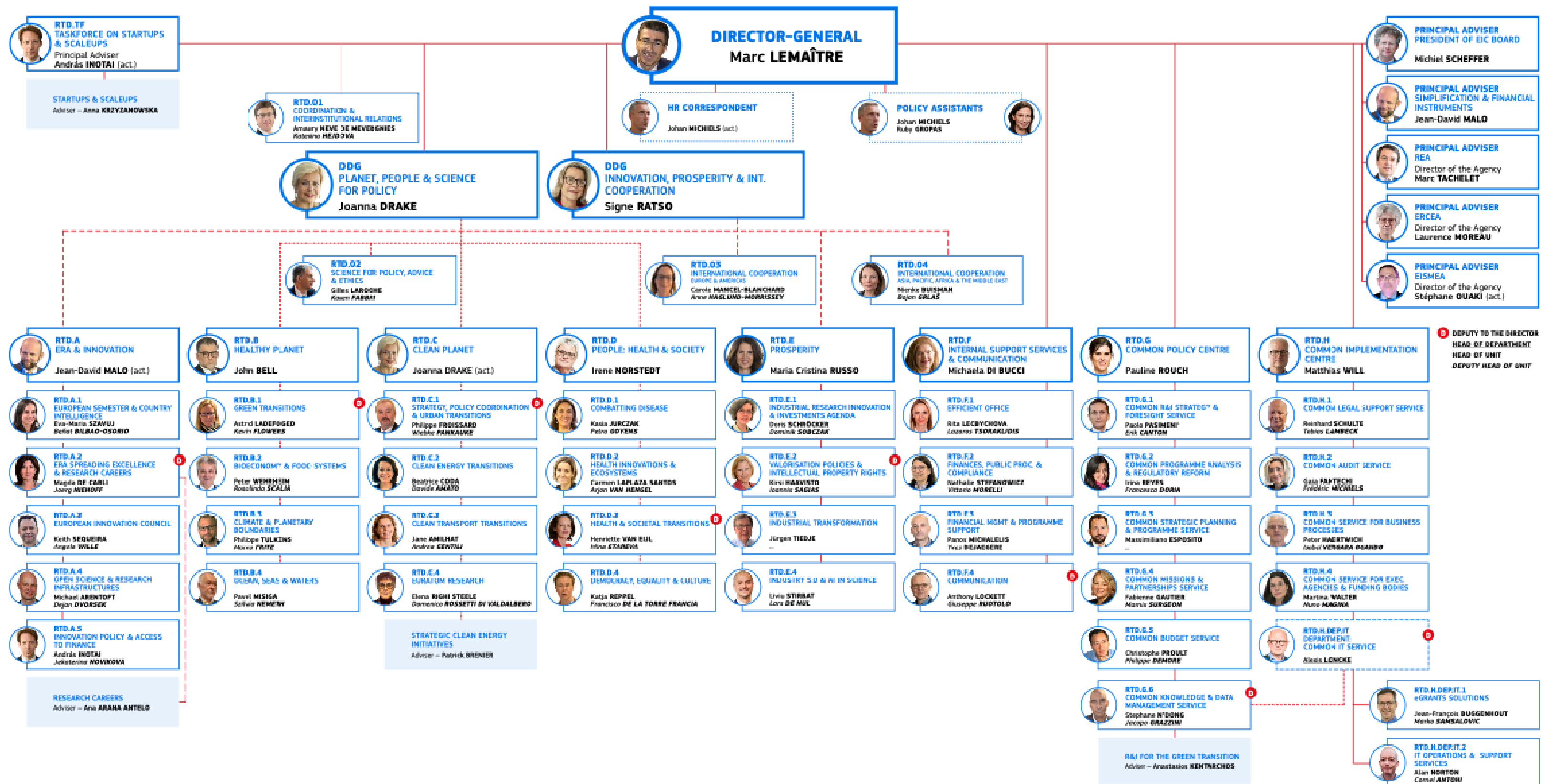








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# What Influences the Commission to Initiate Legislation?

## TECHNICAL ACTORS

- Input from scientific and advisory committees
- Expert Groups
- EU Agencies

Important: check the relevant institutional stakeholders to your sector!

## POLITICAL ACTORS

- European Parliament
- Member States in the Council
- European Citizens' Initiative: 1 million citizens from at least 7 Member States

## PUBLIC ACTORS

- Public Consultations
- Stakeholder Consultations
- Member States Engagement
- Media
- "Real Life", Political Events

# The Commission Work Programme



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Part of collections: Commission work programme  
First published on: 19 October 2020  
Author: Secretariat-General

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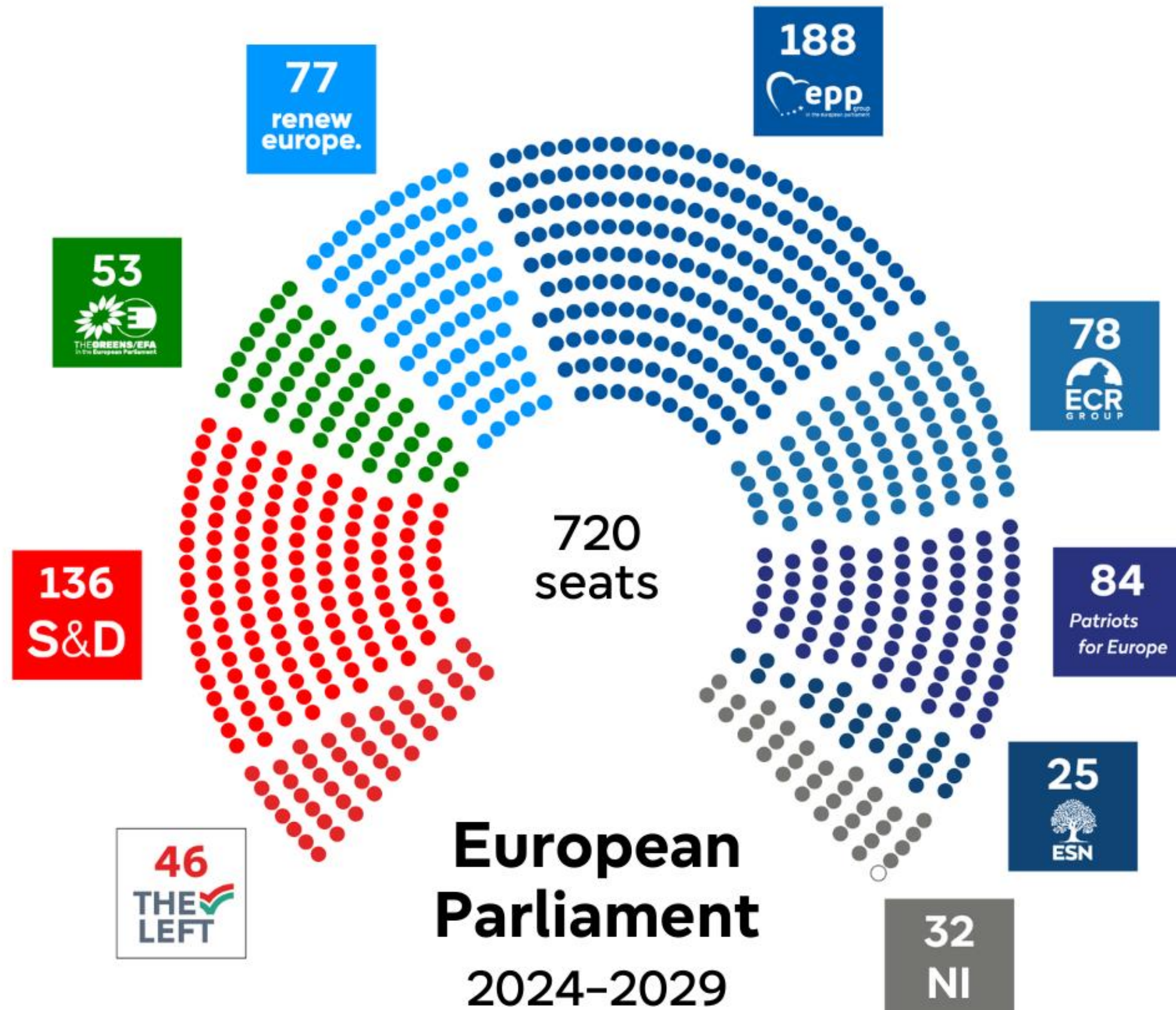


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No.	Policy objective	Initiatives
A European Green Deal		
1.	Zero pollution package	a) <b>Revision of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 114 TFEU, Q2 2022) b) <b>Integrated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





# European Parliament

## 2024-2029

Constitutive session  
as of 16 July 2024












# WHO's WHO

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS



### Committees

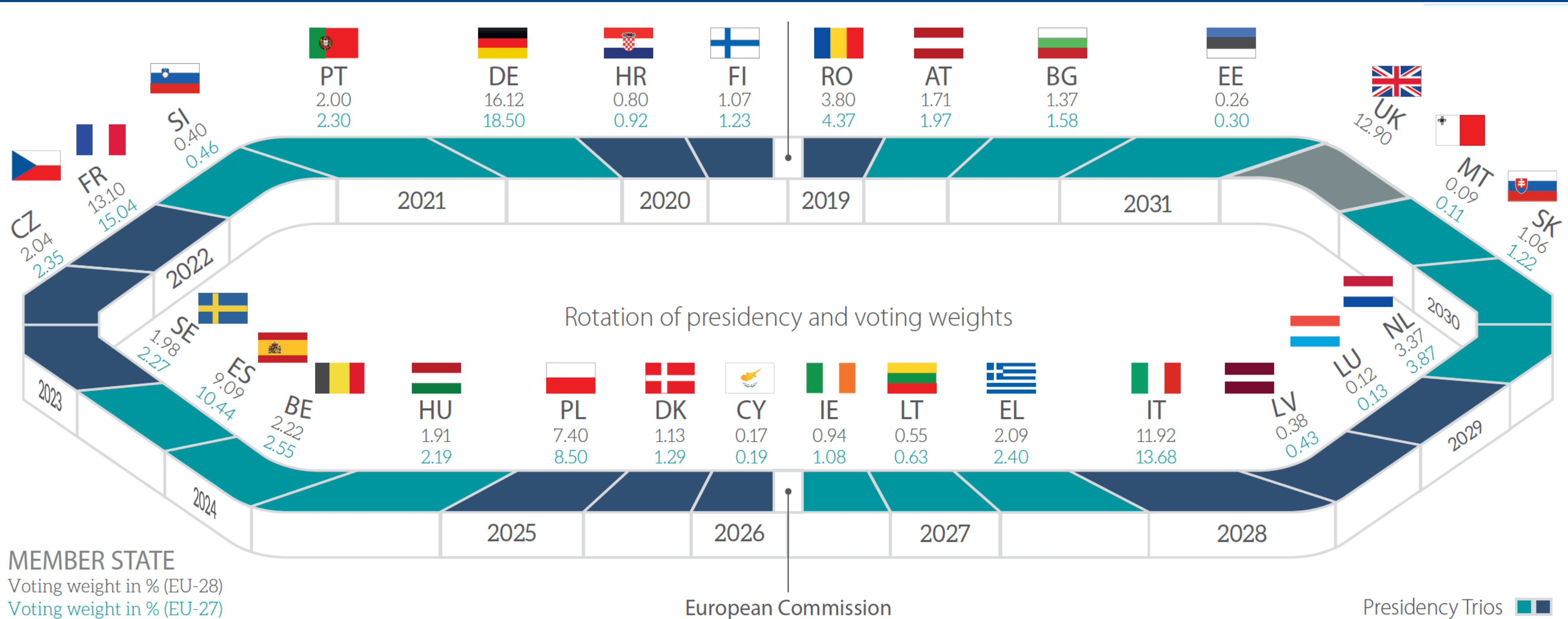
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### Subcommittees

<b>DROI</b>  <b>HUMAN RIGHTS</b> ELENA VALENCIANO (S&D)	<b>SEDE</b>  <b>SECURITY AND DEFENCE</b> ANNA FOTYGA (ECR)
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# The Council of the European Union





### Filter by topic

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### Working parties by Council configuration

☐ Agriculture and Fisheries Council

☐ Competitiveness Council

☐ Economic and Financial Affairs Council

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☐ Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council

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## Council preparatory bodies

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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:



## Voting calculator

Council of the EU

Download the voting calculator also for your mobile device.



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### Choose the voting rule

Voting rule

Qualified majority

### Voting result



Final result

Approved

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member states

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

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Yes

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No


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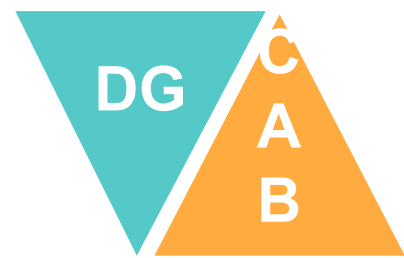
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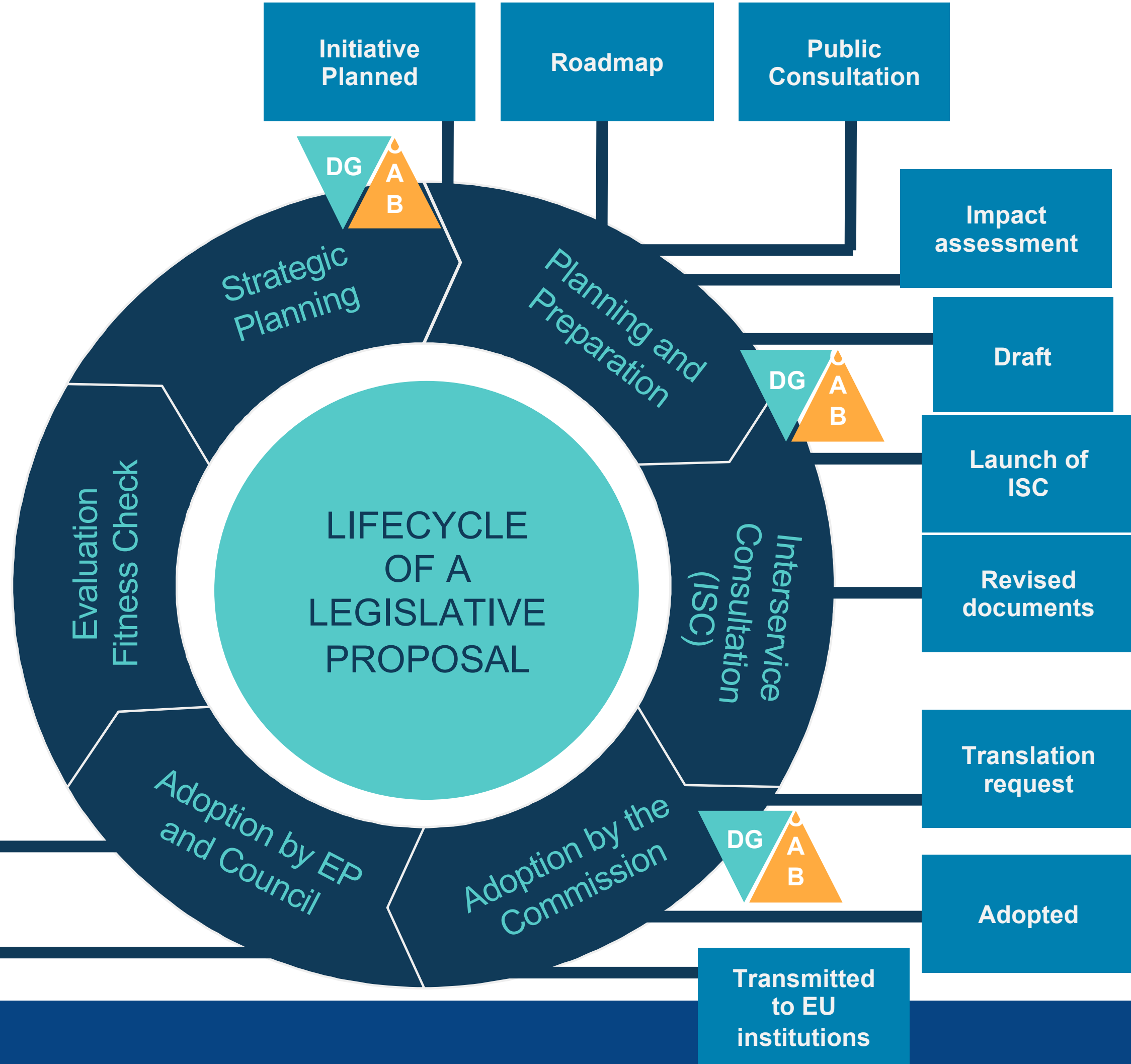
# Hierarchy of EU Law

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- . 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]

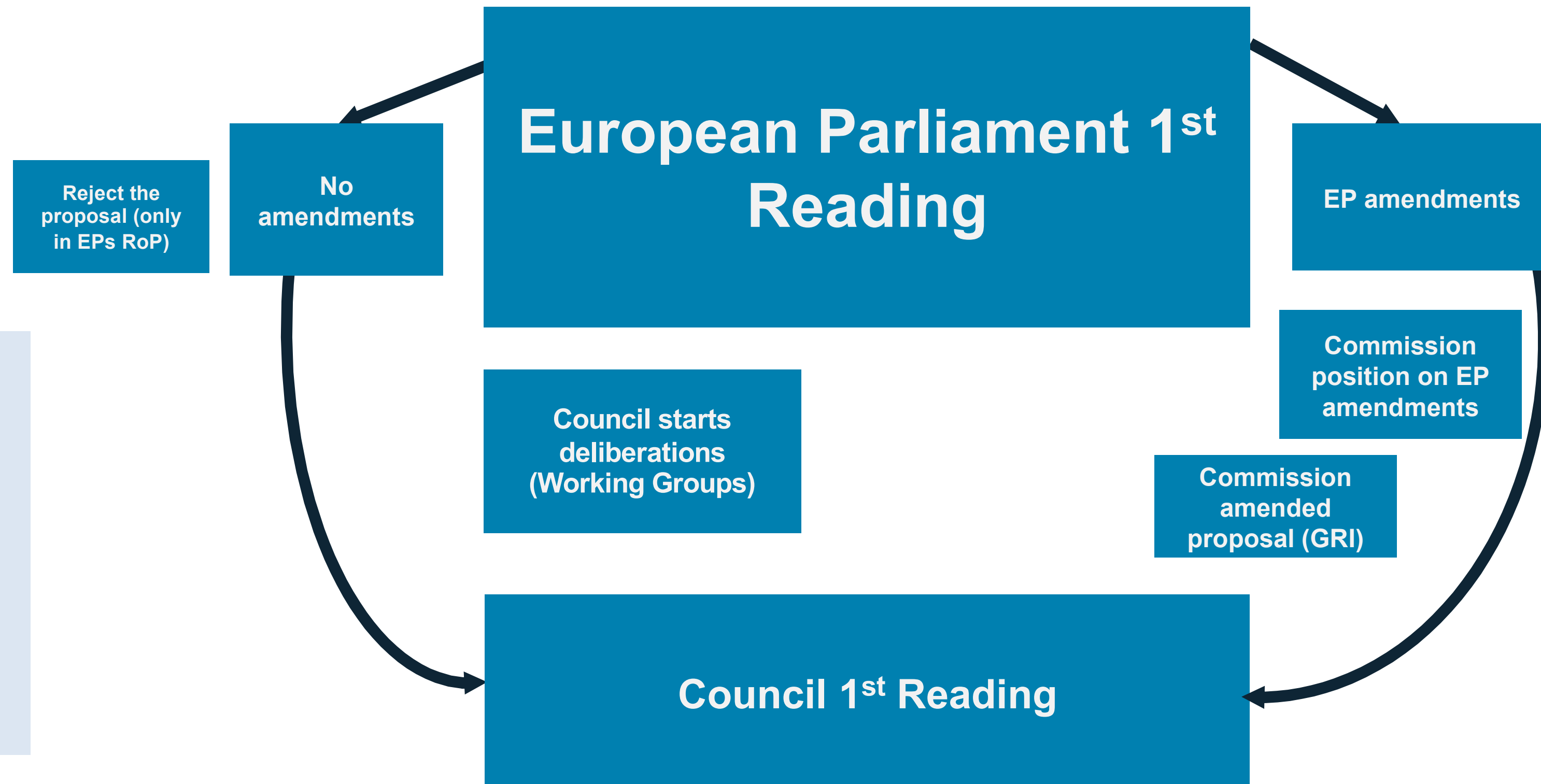




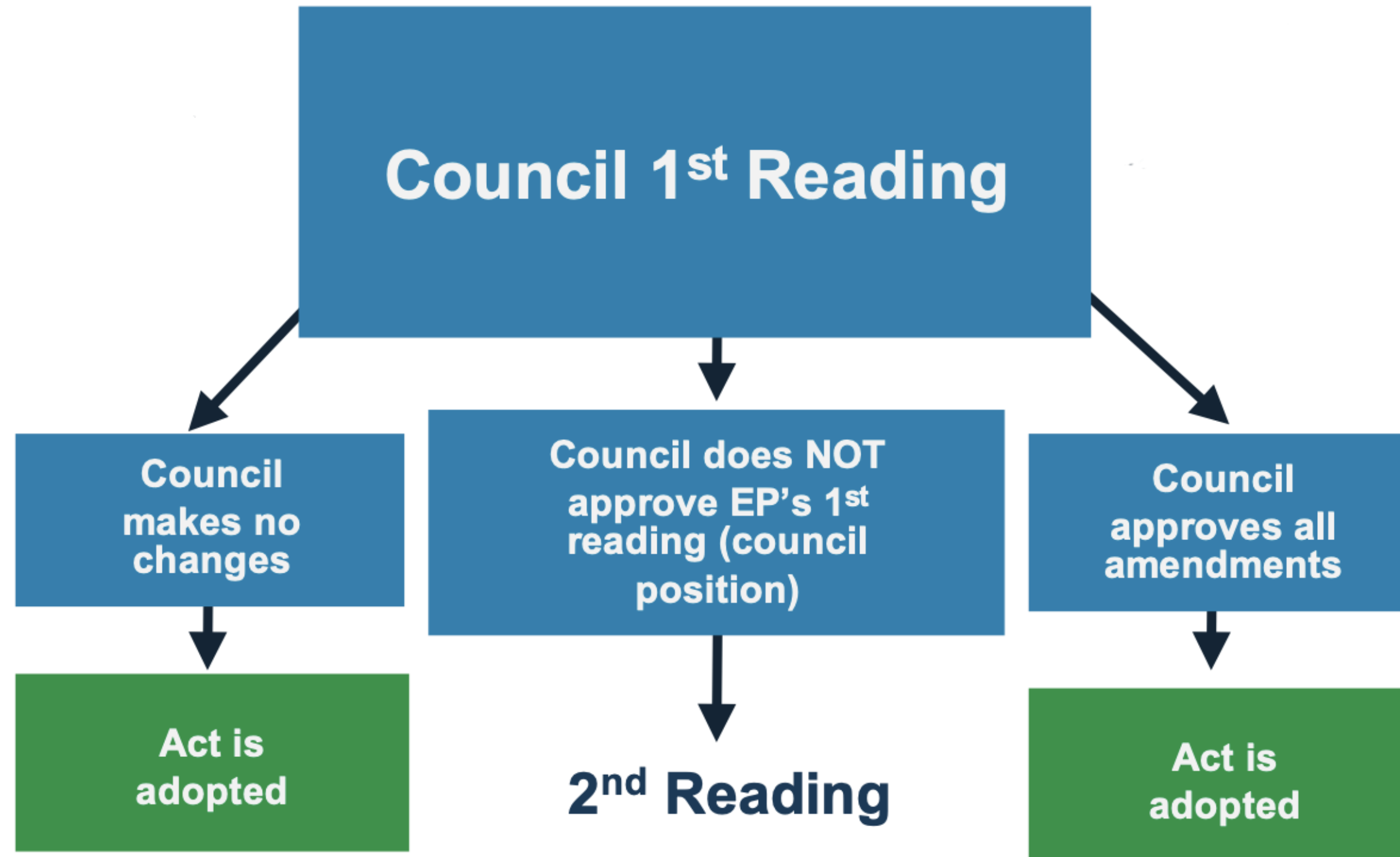
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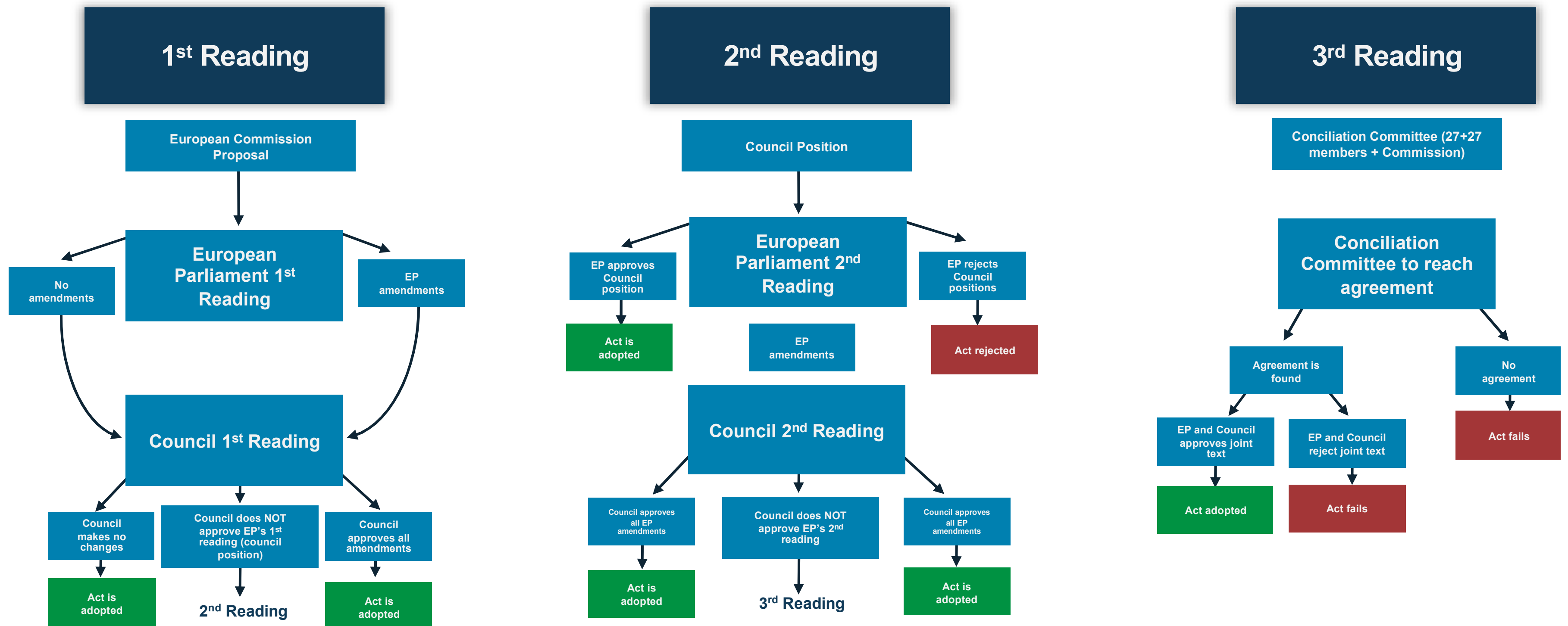
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# Questions?





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