



Public Affairs Council

# EU Decision-Making Masterclass: *Procedures and Engagement*

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9:30–10:10 | Institutional and procedural overview

### Introductory session

Composition and roles of the EU institutions in the decision-making process  
European Parliament in the legislative cycle and interinstitutional dynamics  
Key procedural steps and formal interactions across the policy cycle

## TODAY'S AGENDA

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10:10–10:20 | Break

### 10:20–11:20 | The European Commission perspective Public affairs timing and engagement in practice

How proposals are prepared and where decisions are shaped  
Lessons learned on timing, evidence and effective interaction

11:20–11:30 | Break

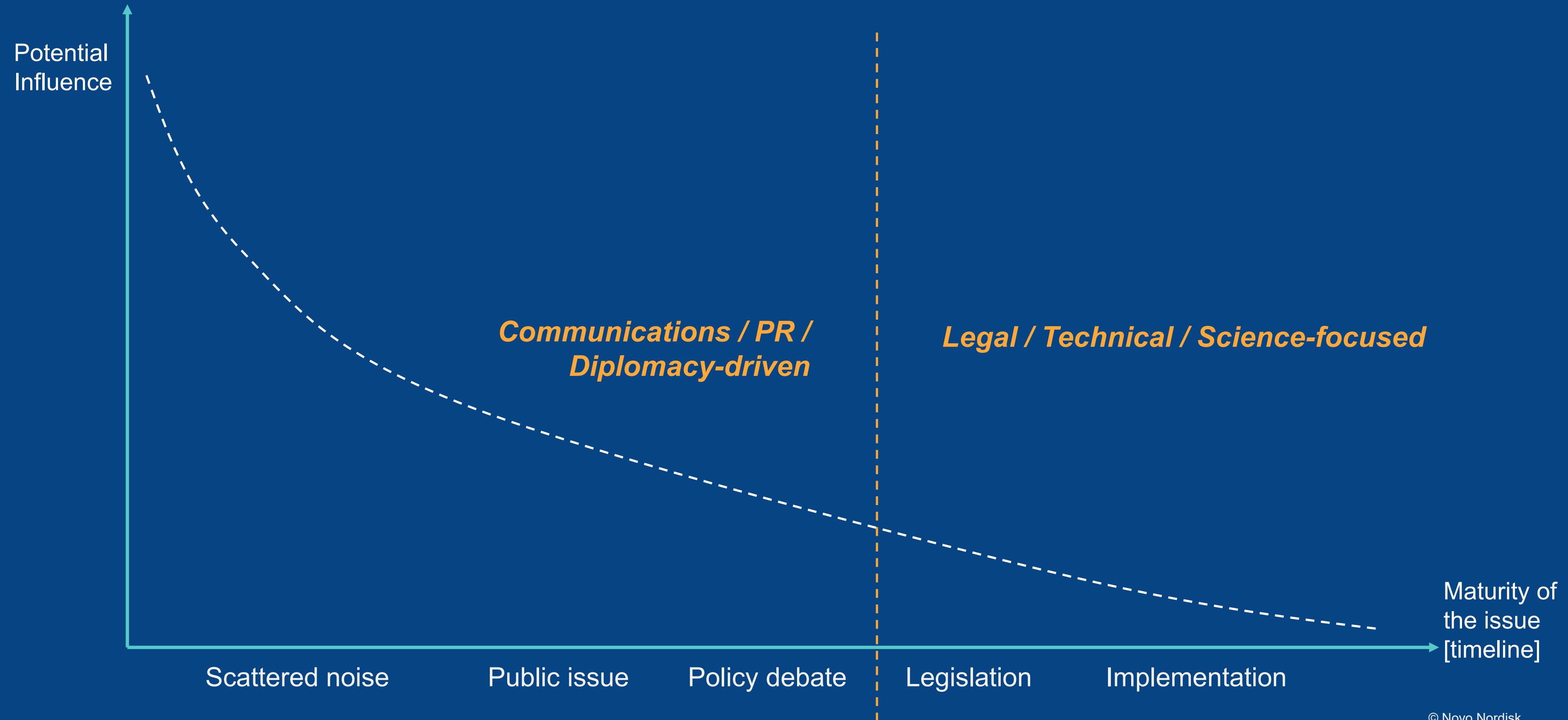
### 11:30–12:30 | 3. The Council of the European Union perspective Decision-making from the Member States level

How the Council works in practice, how Member States positions are coordinated  
The role of working groups, COREPER, and political guidance in shaping outcomes  
Practical insights on interinstitutional negotiations and Council dynamics

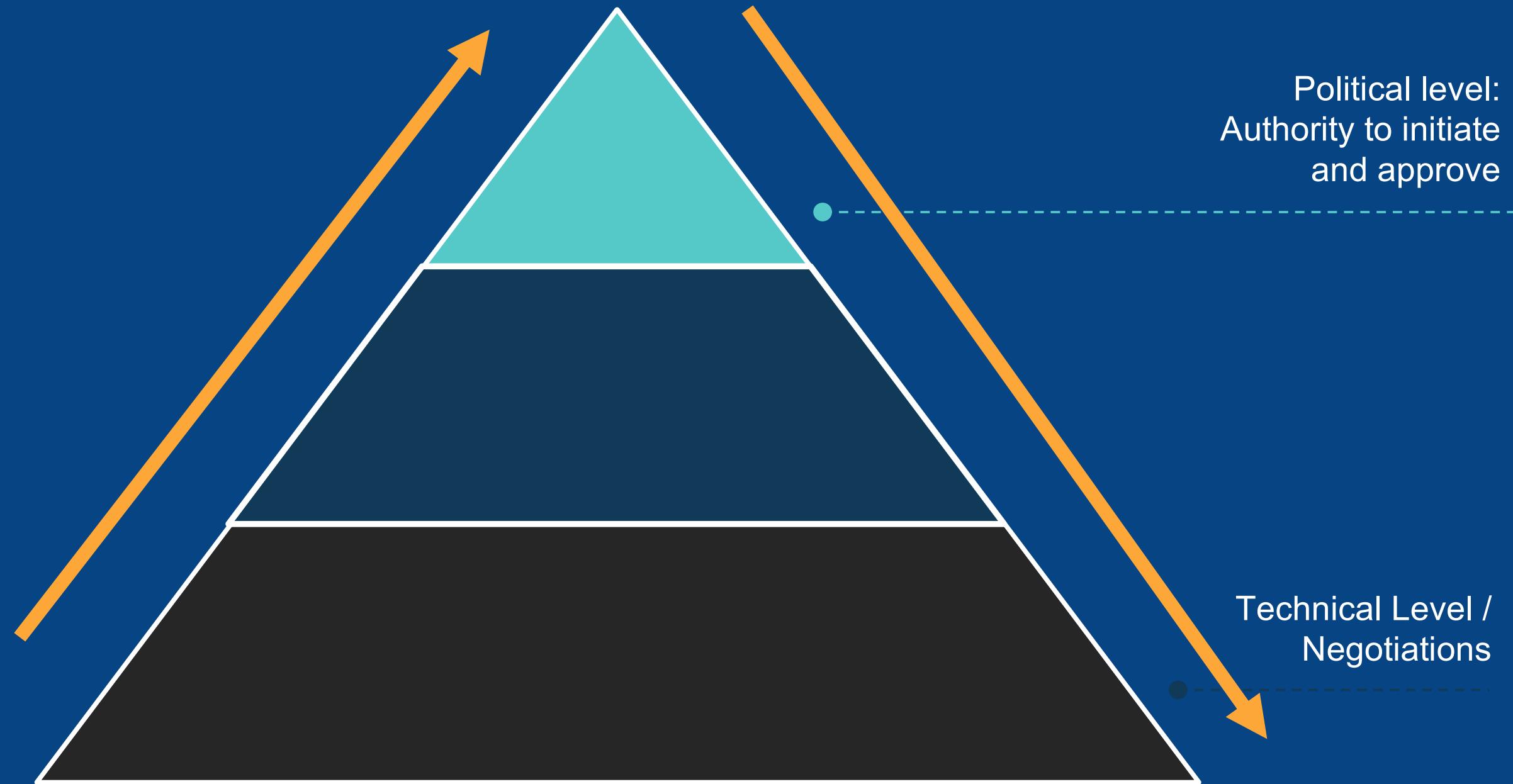
# What Can You Achieve... And When



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# Policy-Making in the Institutions



# The Competences: What does the EU Regulate?



## Article 2 TFEU

Defines the *types* of competence (exclusive, shared, supporting)

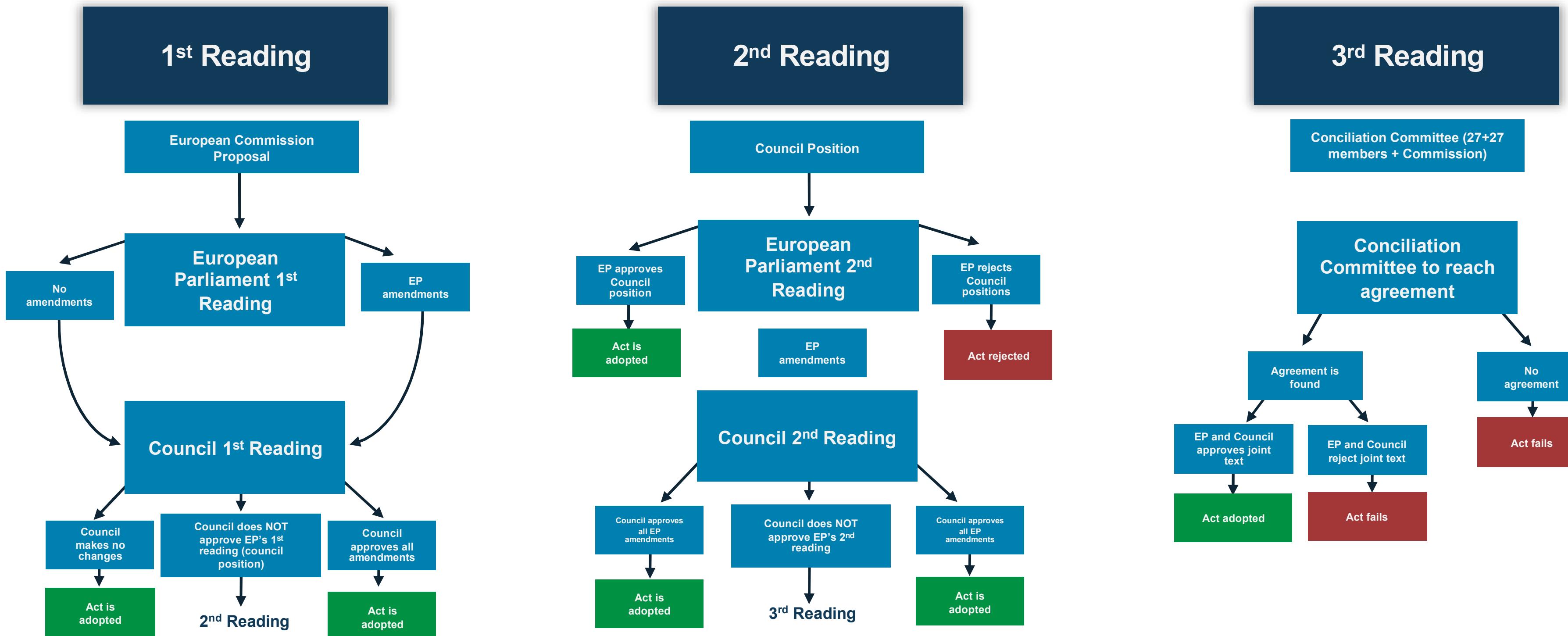
## Article 3 TFEU – Exclusive EU competences

## Article 4 TFEU – Shared competences

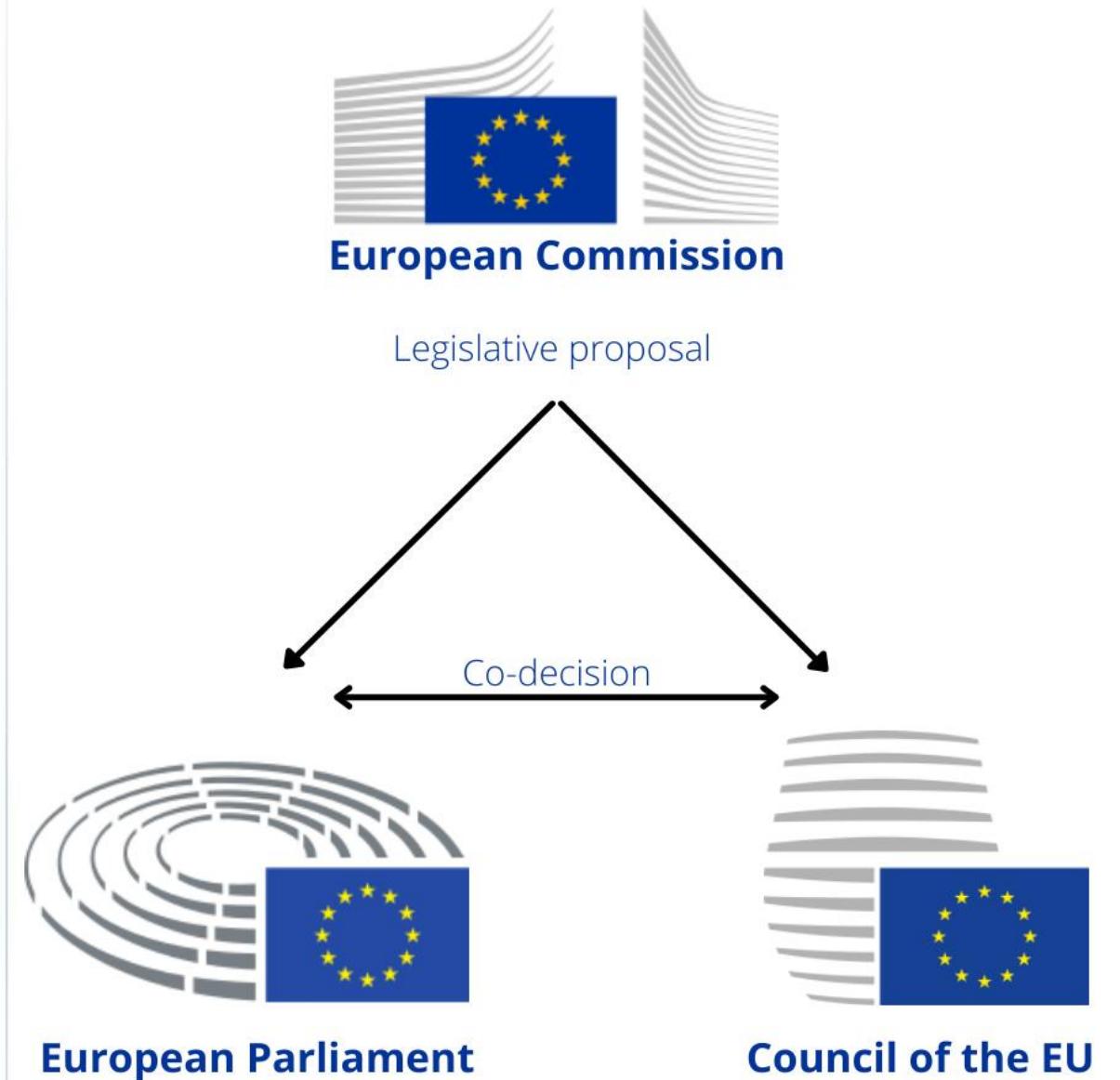
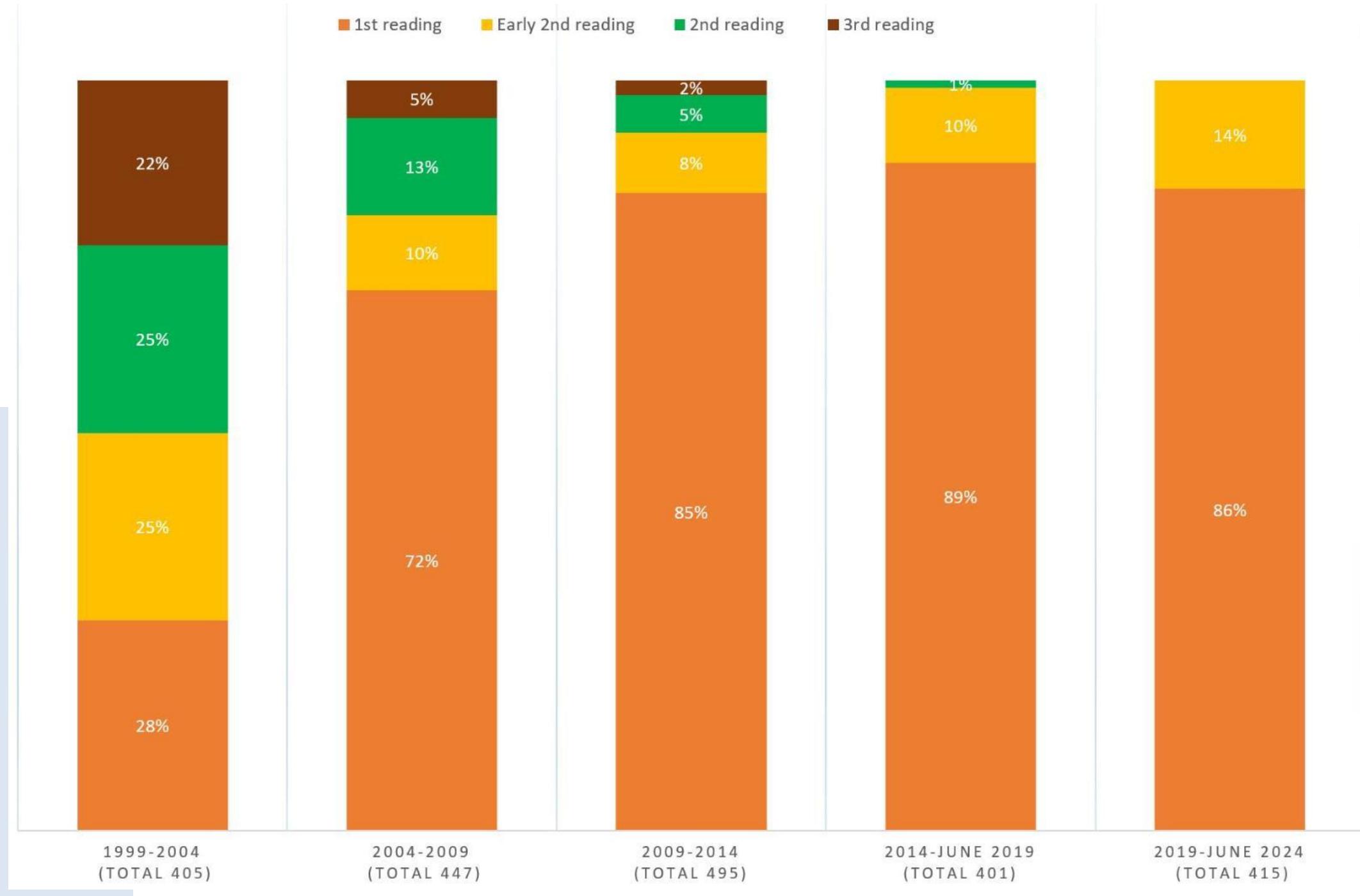
## Article 5 TFEU – Economic coordination (special shared logic)

## Article 6 TFEU – Supporting, coordinating or complementary competences

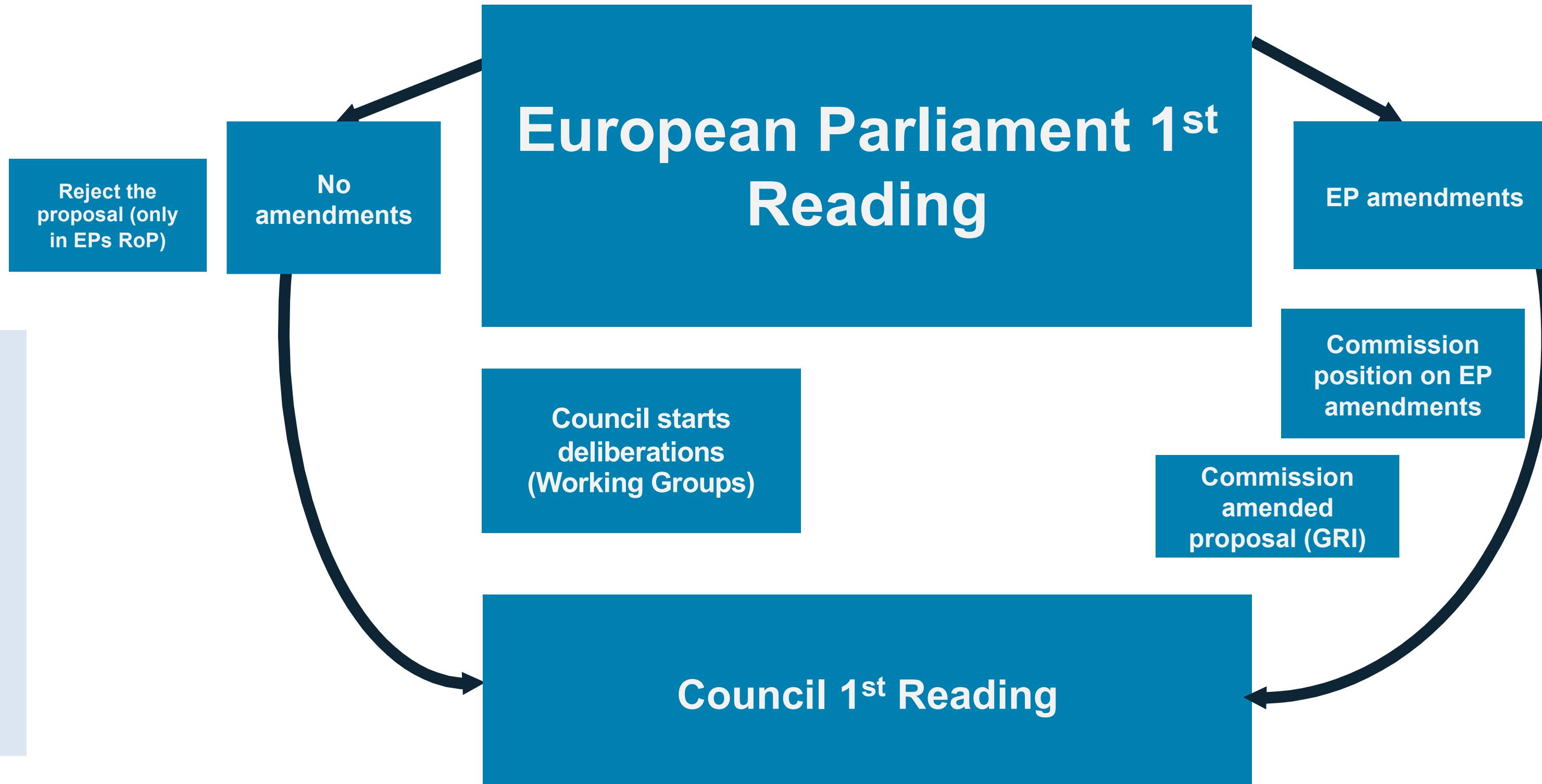
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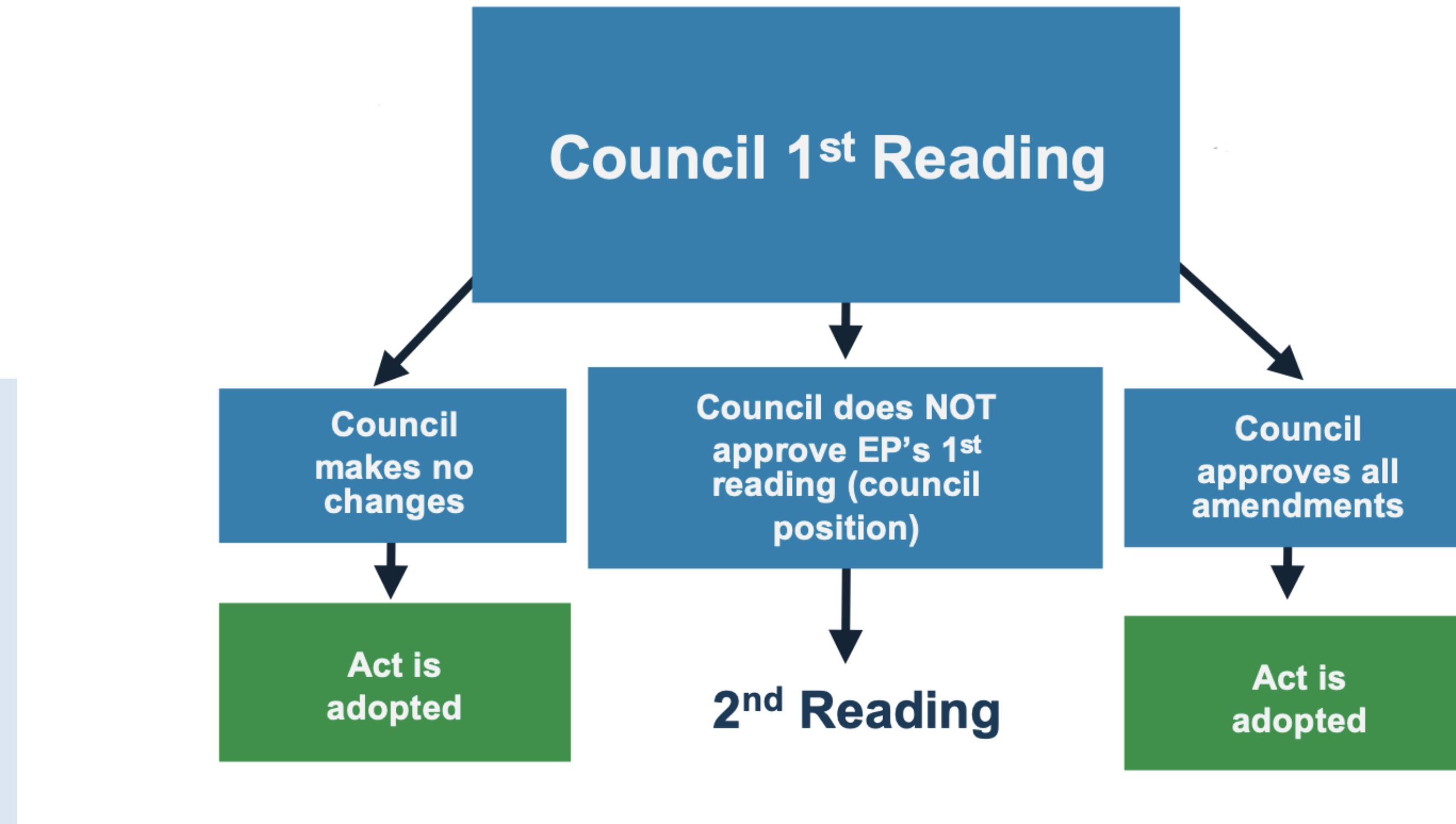
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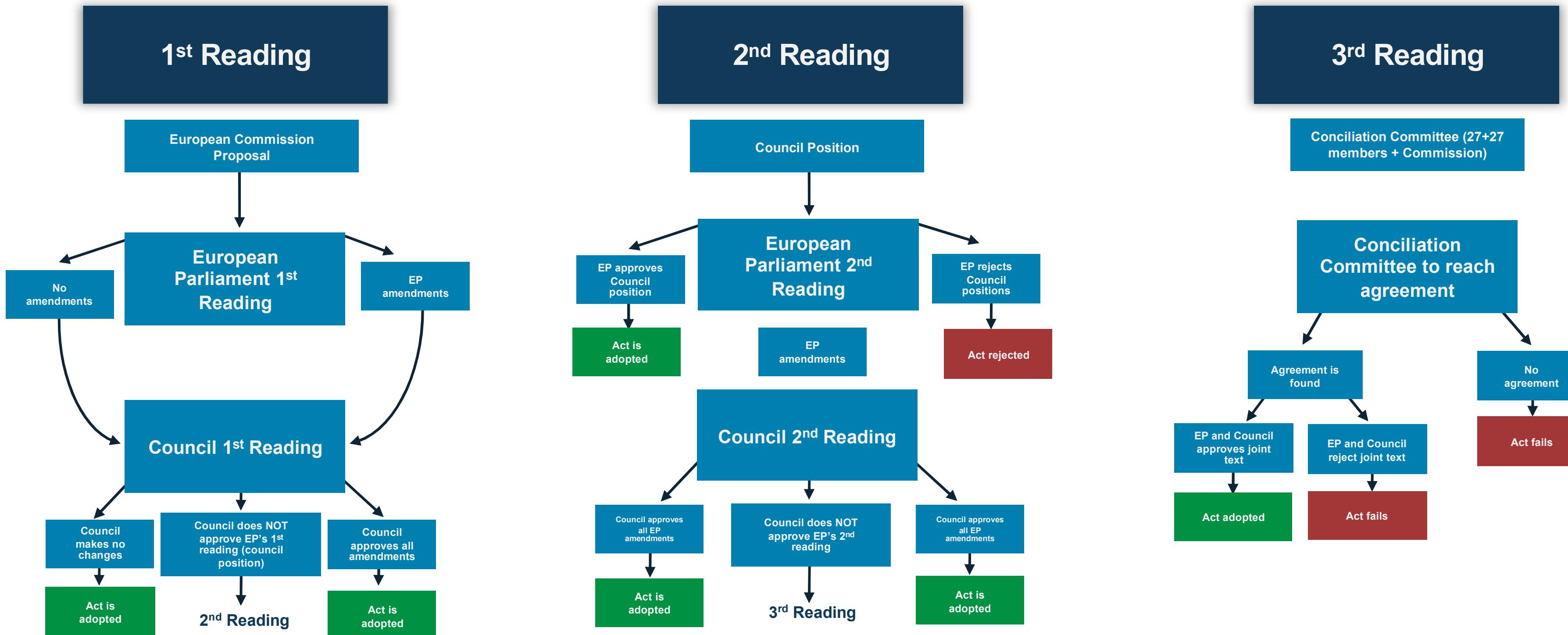
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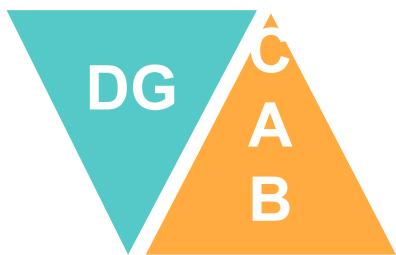


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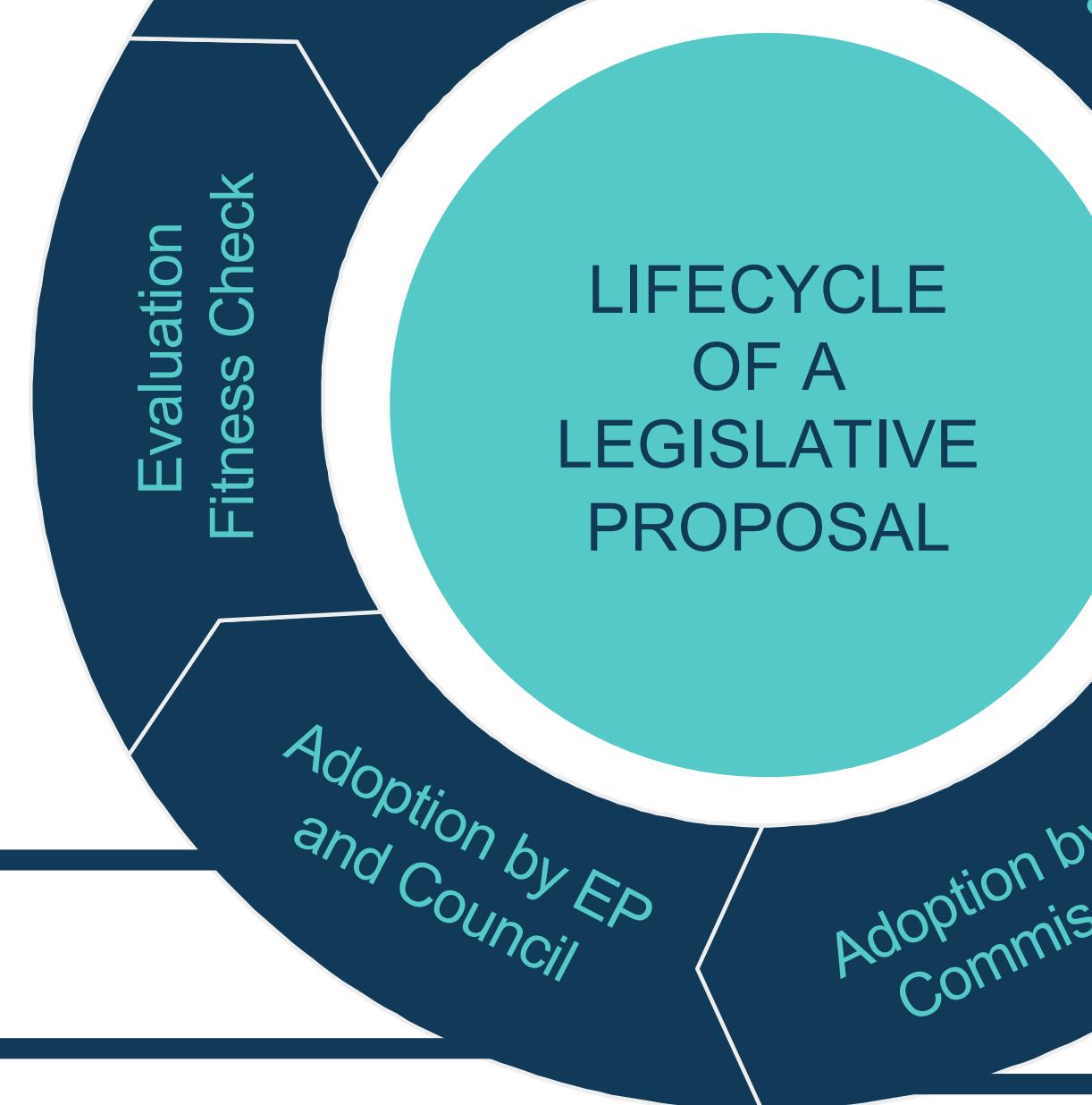
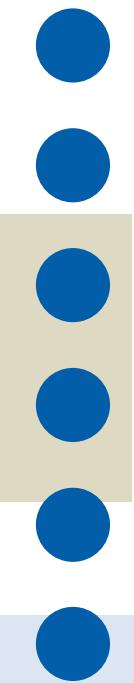


# The Ordinary Legislative Procedure





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



Initiative  
Planned

Roadmap

Public  
Consultation

DG

A  
B

Impact  
assessment

Draft

Launch of  
ISC

Revised  
documents

Translation  
request

DG

A  
B

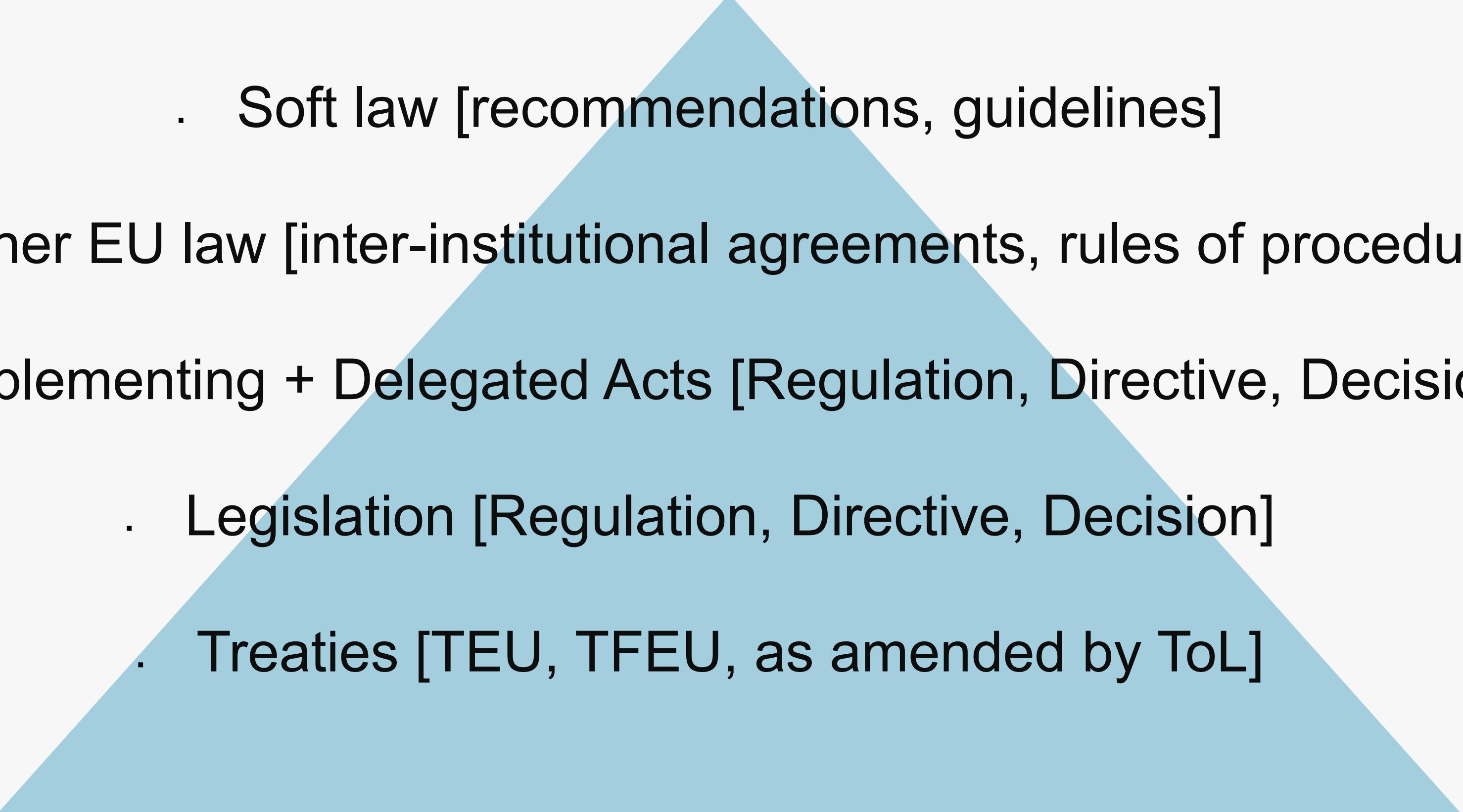
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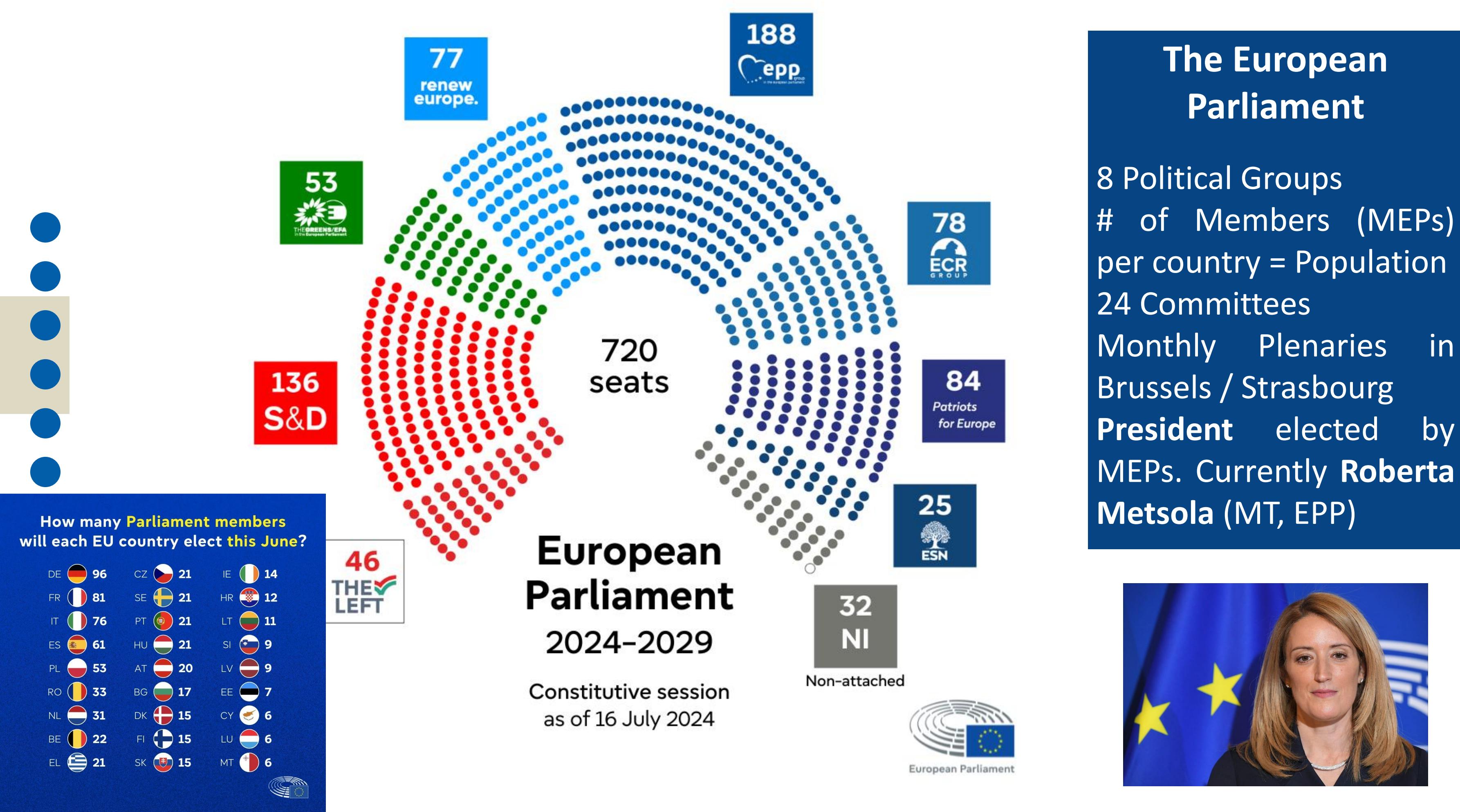
# Hierarchy of EU Law



- . 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]

# What's on the Agenda?



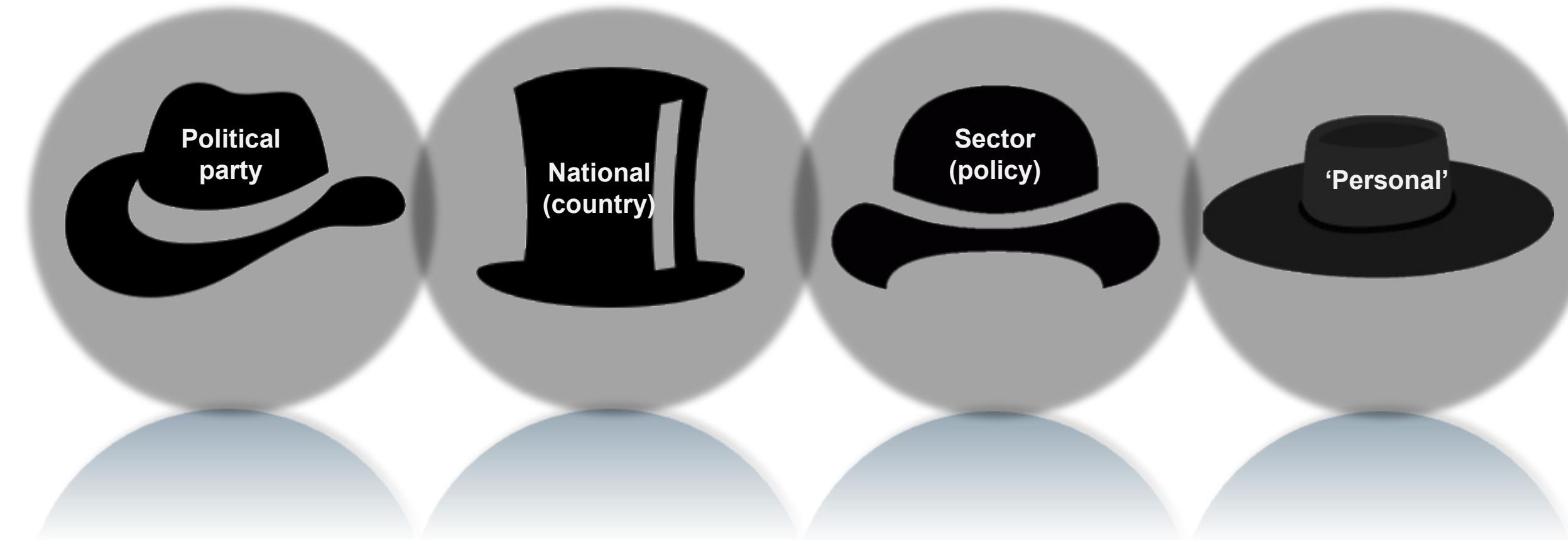


# The European Parliament

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)



# “Hats” of an MEP



Key players				Key events			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed	28/05/2018	Legislative proposal published	<a href="#">COM(2018)0340</a>	Summary
		 RIES Frédérique	07/05/2018	11/06/2018	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		
		 Shadow rapporteur		10/10/2018	Vote in committee, 1st reading/single reading		
		 FLORENZ Karl-Heinz		11/10/2018	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A8-0317/2018</a>	Summary
		 PAOLUCCI Massimo		22/10/2018	Debate in Parliament		
		 DEMESMAEKER Mark		24/10/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
		 BOYLAN Lynn		24/10/2018	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T8-0411/2018</a>	Summary
		 AUKEN Margrete		24/10/2018	Matter referred back to the committee responsible		
		 PEDICINI Piernicola		22/01/2019	Approval in committee of the text agreed at 1st reading interinstitutional negotiations	<a href="#">PE632.990 GEDA/A(2019)000622</a>	
		 GODDYN Sylvie		27/03/2019	Debate in Parliament		
Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed	27/03/2019	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">T8-0305/2019</a>	Summary
		 KAPPEL Barbara	20/06/2018	21/05/2019	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
		 KAPPEL Barbara	25/06/2018	05/06/2019	Final act signed		
		 ROPÉ Bronis	10/07/2018	05/06/2019	End of procedure in Parliament		
		 BRIANO Renata	14/06/2018	12/06/2019	Final act published in Official Journal		
The committee decided not to give an opinion.							
Council of the European Union							
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner					
	Environment	VELLA Karmenu					

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