



Public Affairs Council

EU Decision-Making Masterclass: *Procedures and Engagement*

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TODAY'S AGENDA

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

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

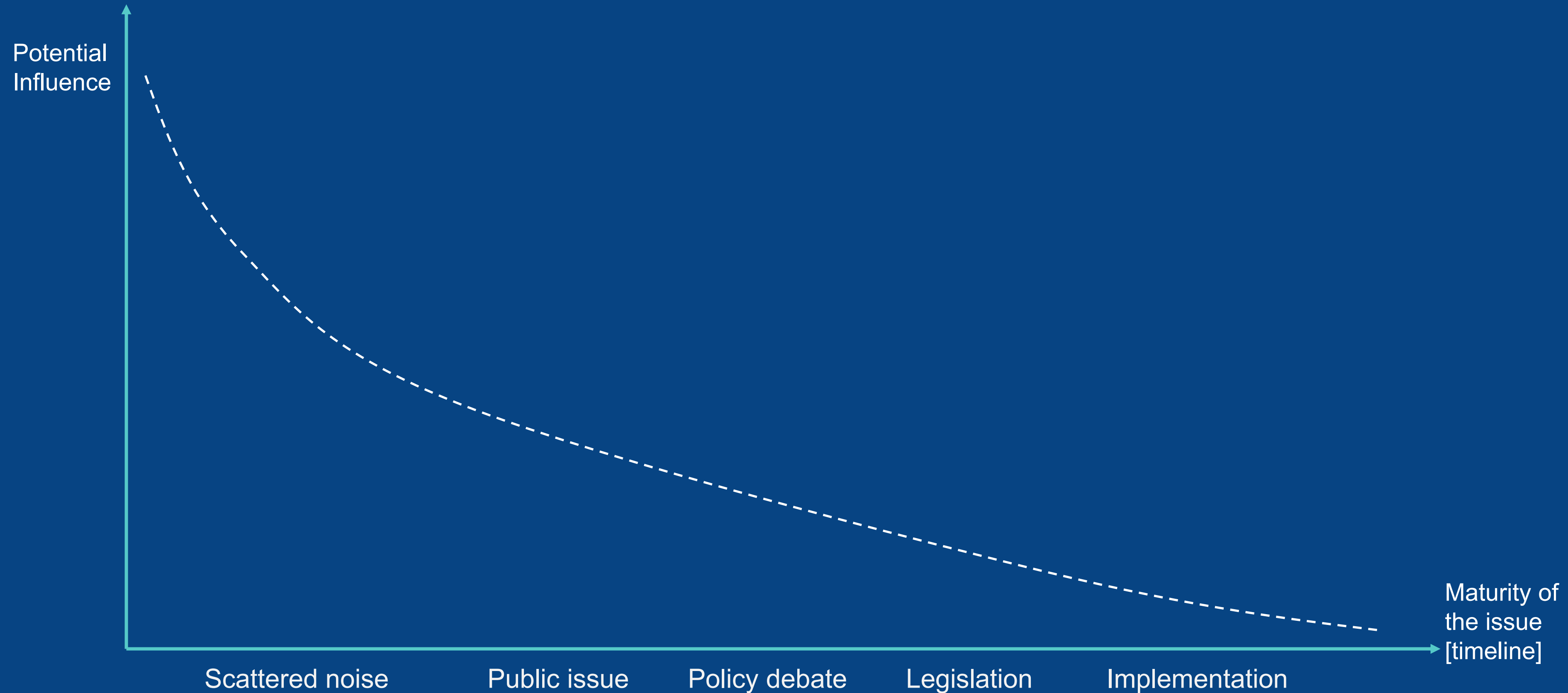
Decision-making from the Member States level

How the Council works in practice, how Member States positions are coordinated

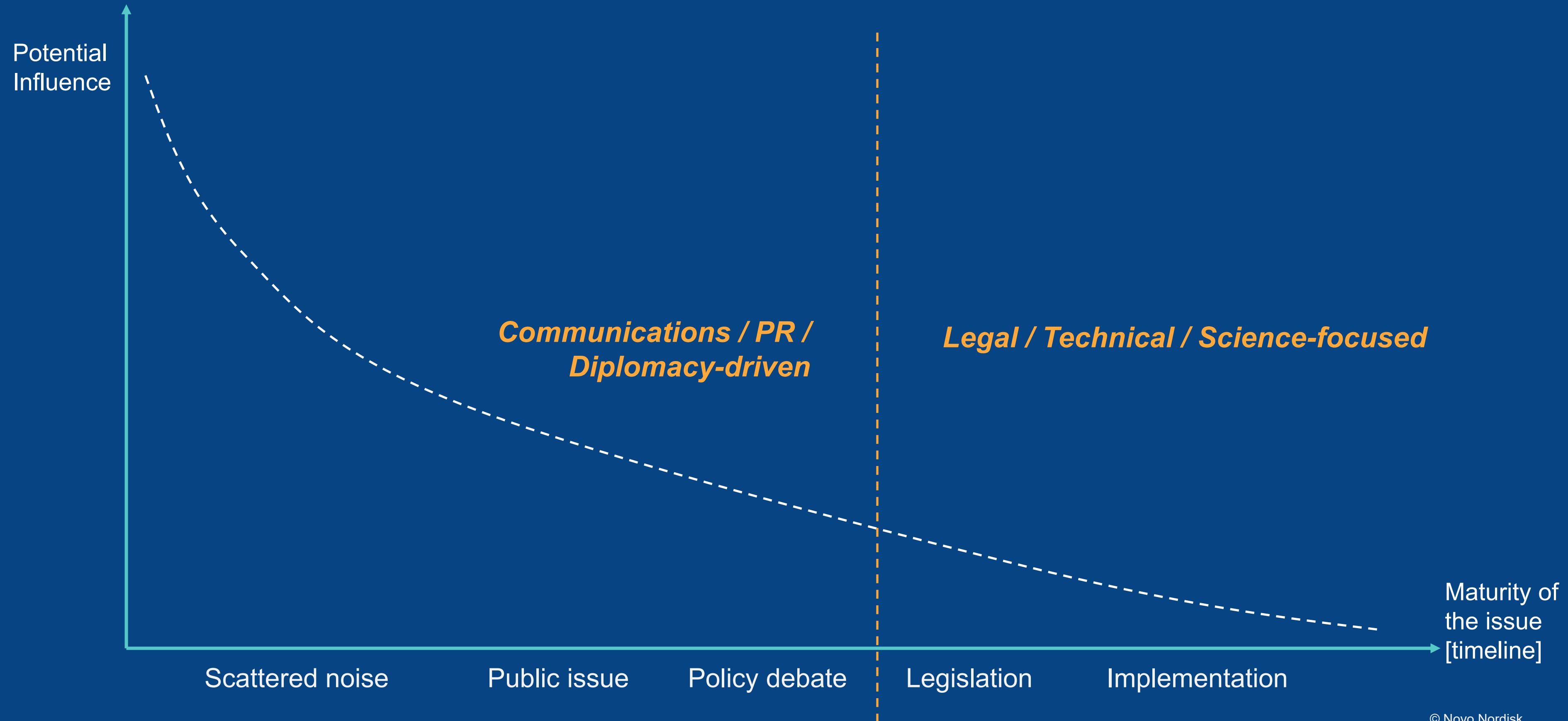
The role of working groups, COREPER, and political guidance in shaping outcomes

Practical insights on interinstitutional negotiations and Council dynamics

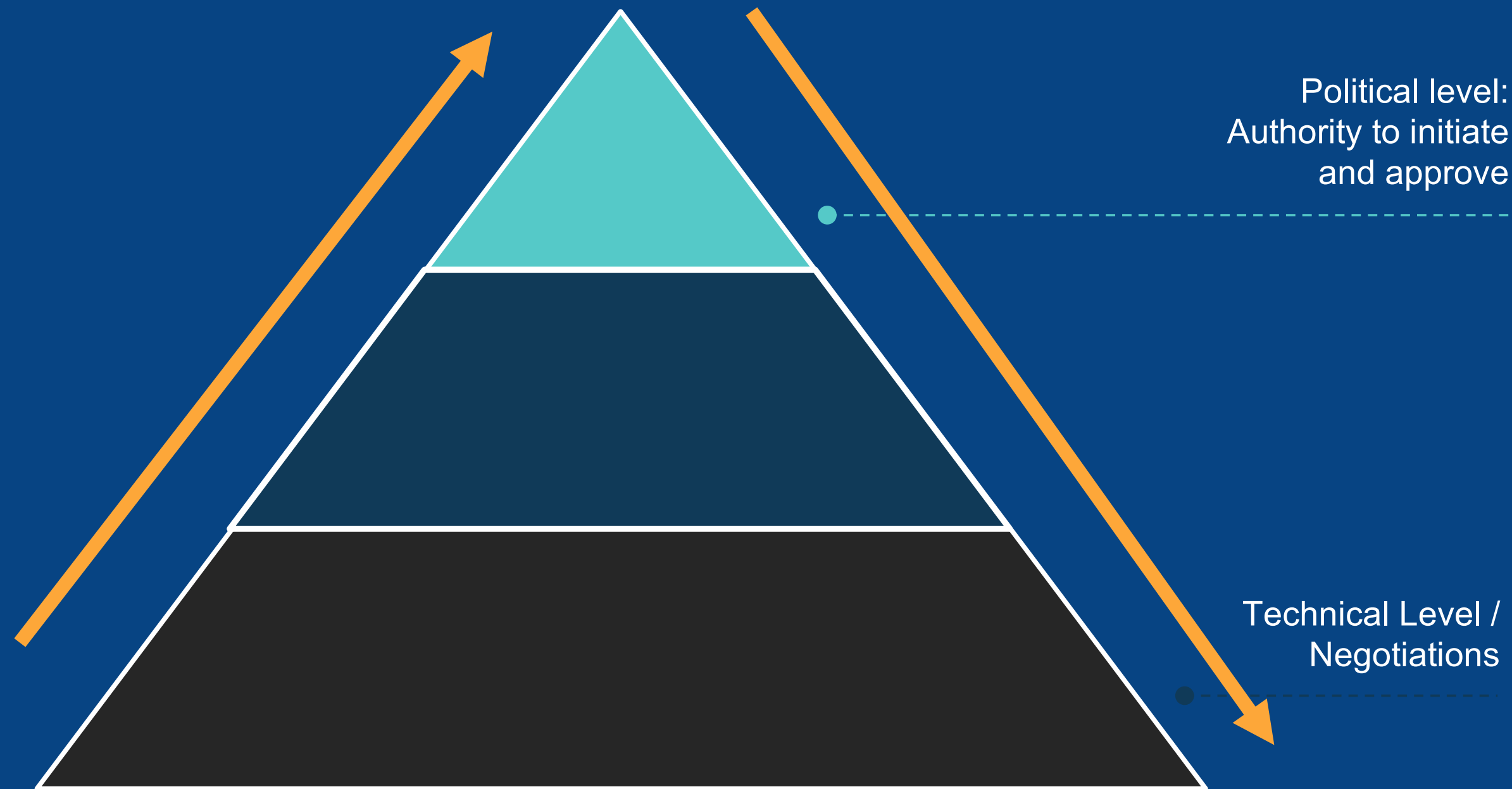
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Policy-Making in the Institutions



The Competences: What does the EU Regulate?



Article 2 TFEU

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

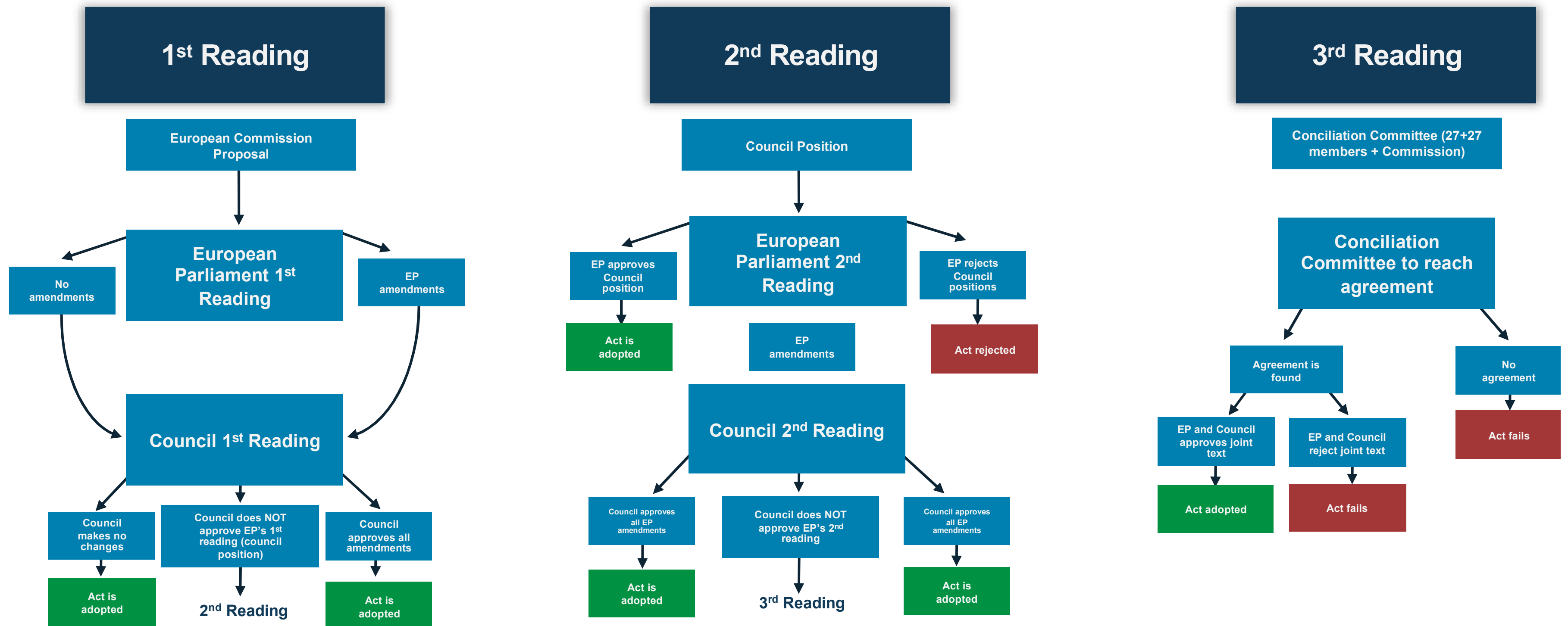
Article 3 TFEU – Exclusive EU competences

Article 4 TFEU – Shared competences

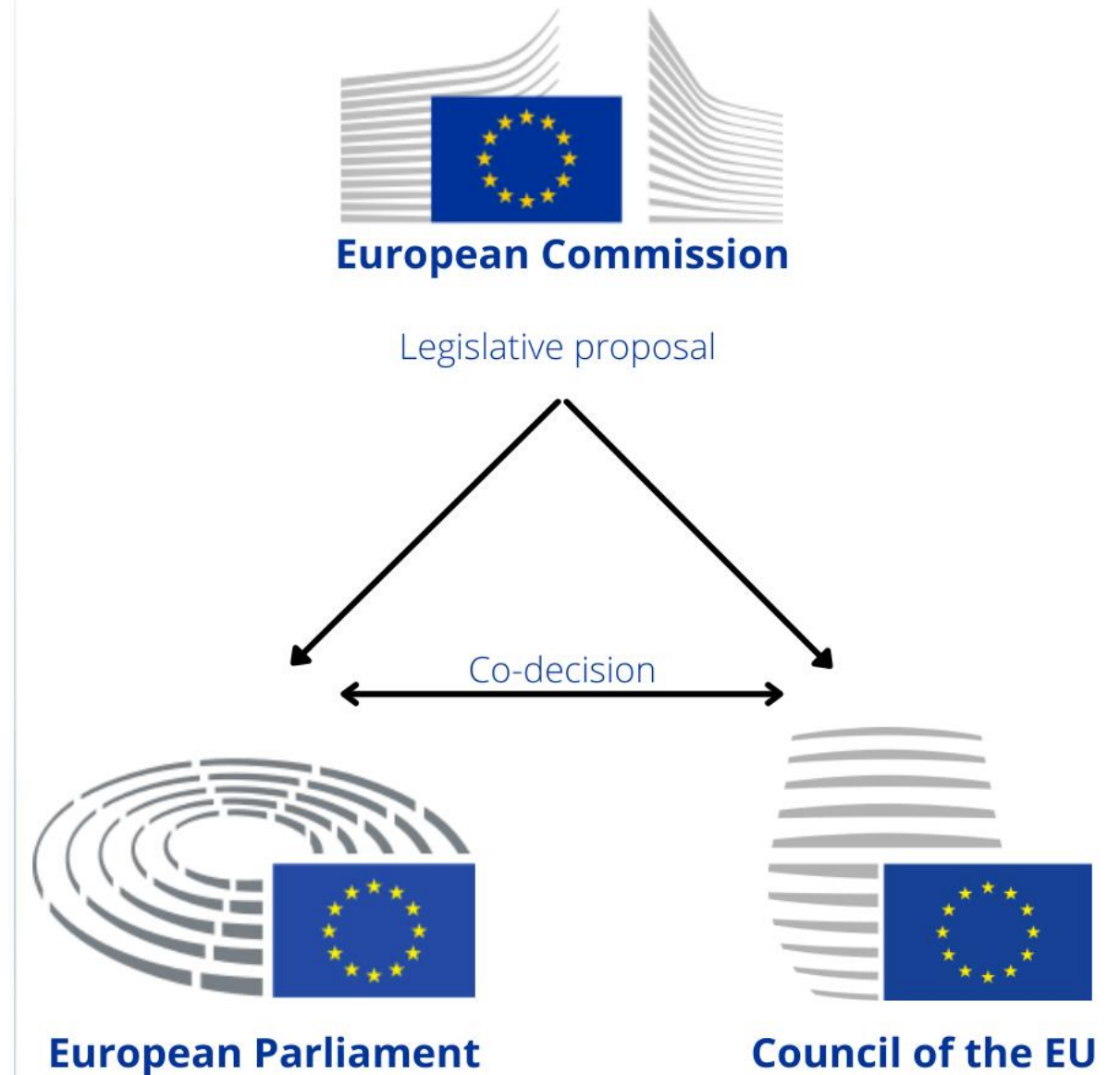
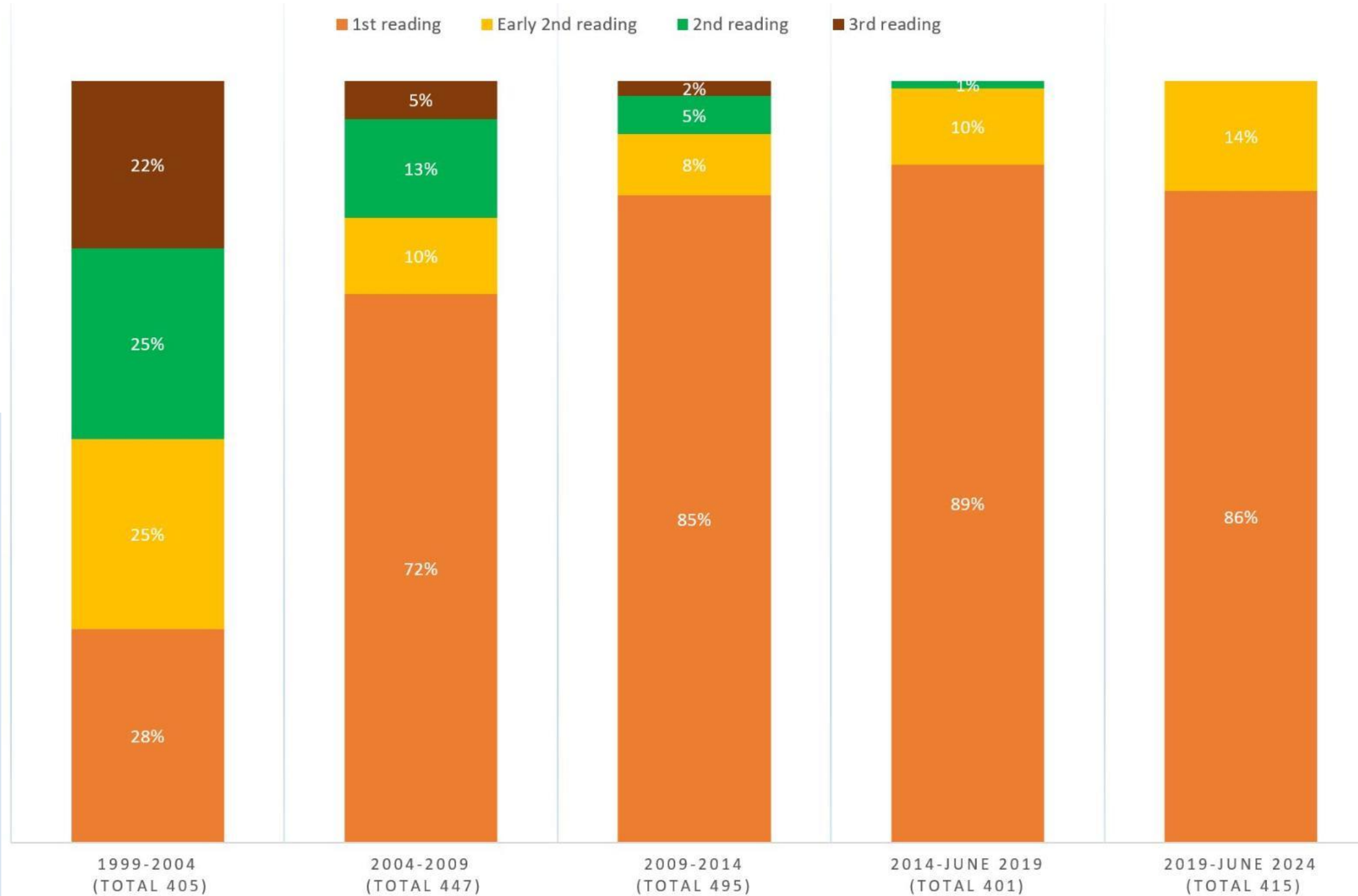
Article 5 TFEU – Economic coordination (special shared logic)

Article 6 TFEU – Supporting, coordinating or complementary competences

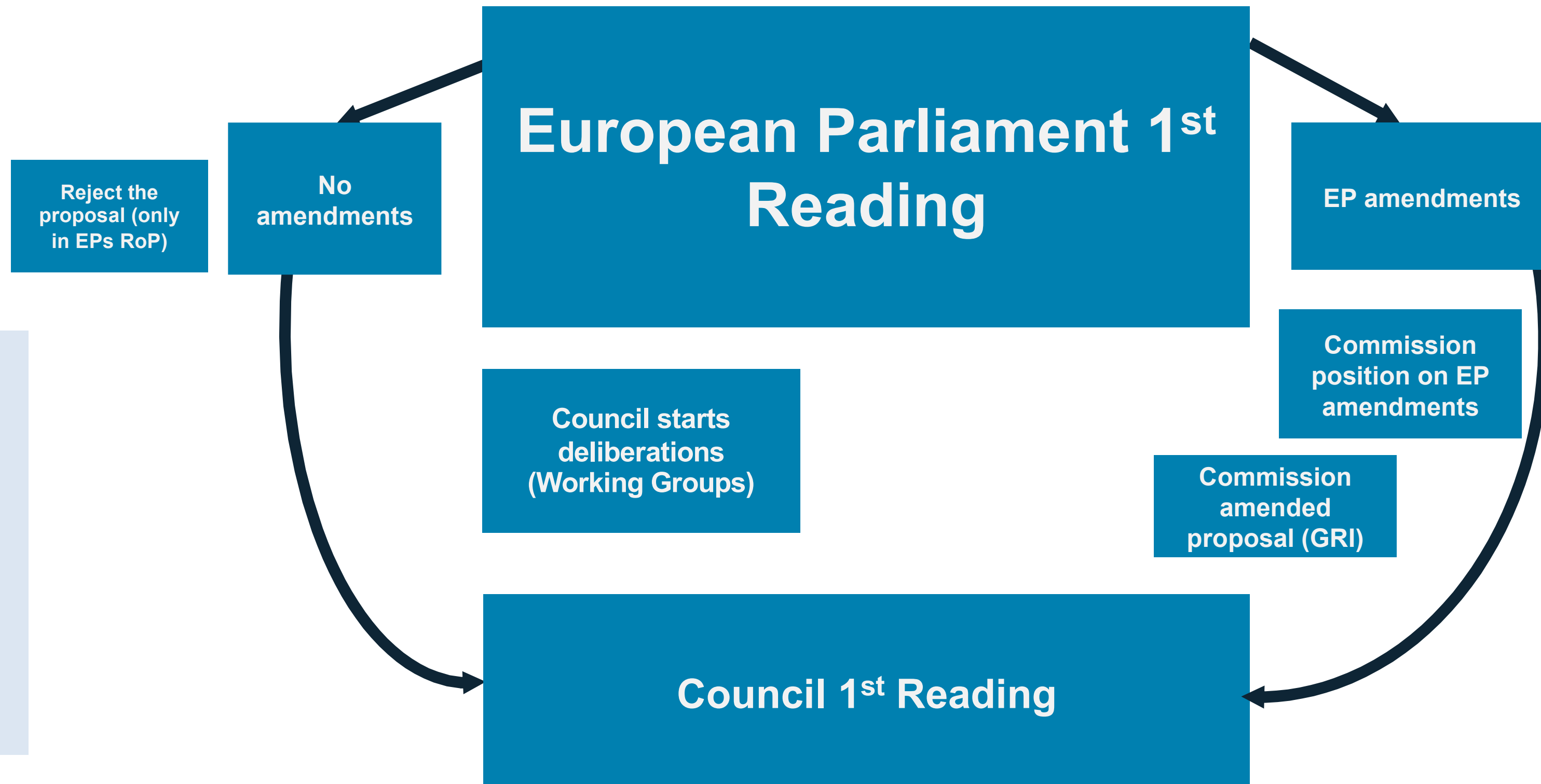
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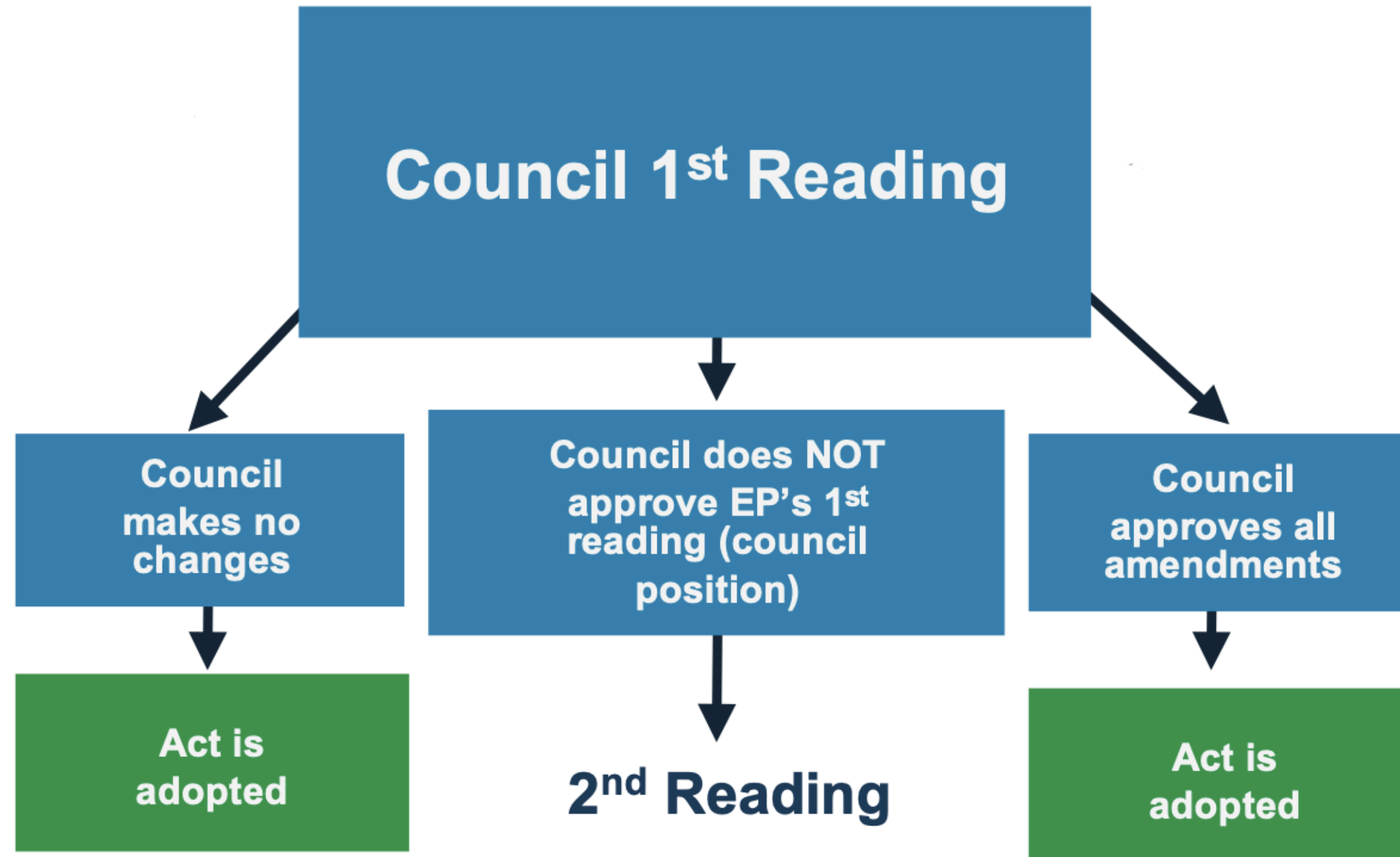
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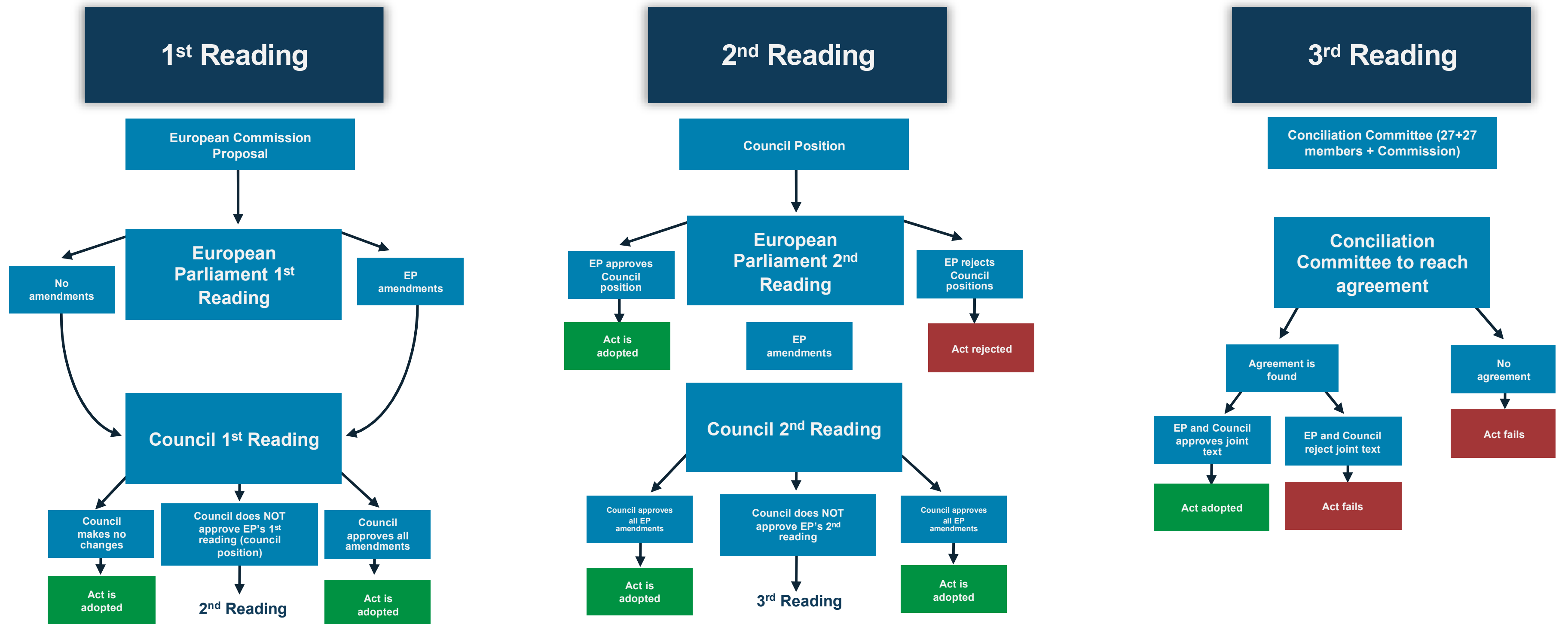
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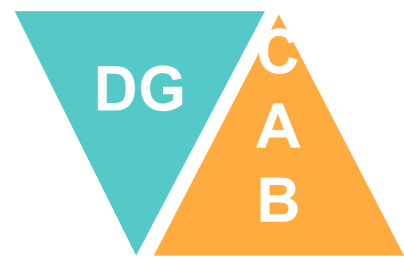


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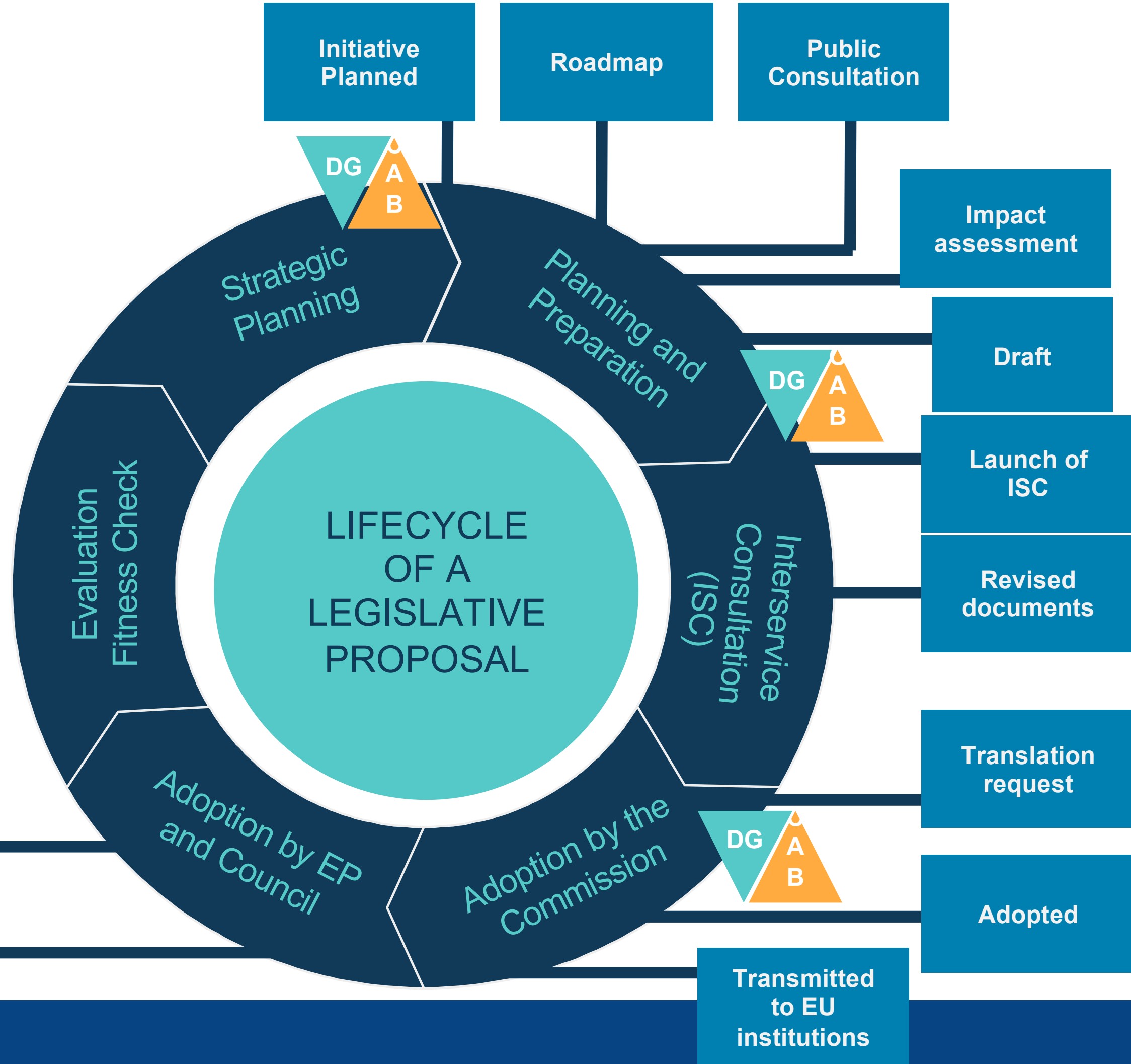
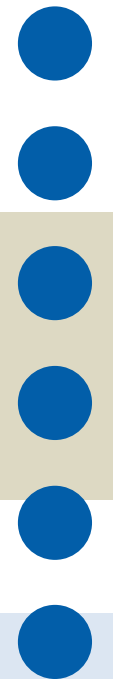


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Prior agreement by the
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& Cabinet(s)



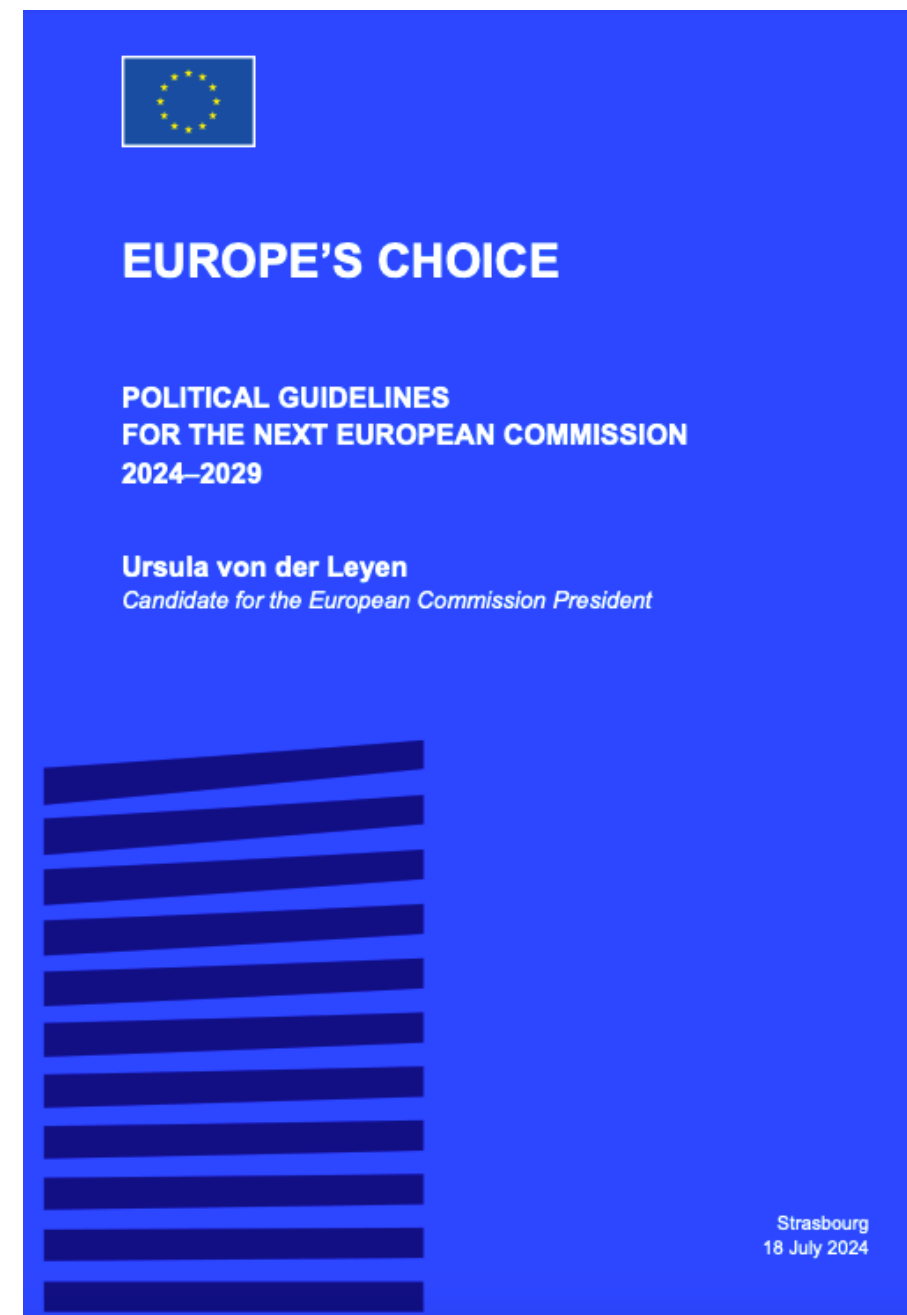
Hierarchy of EU Law

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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]

What's on the Agenda?



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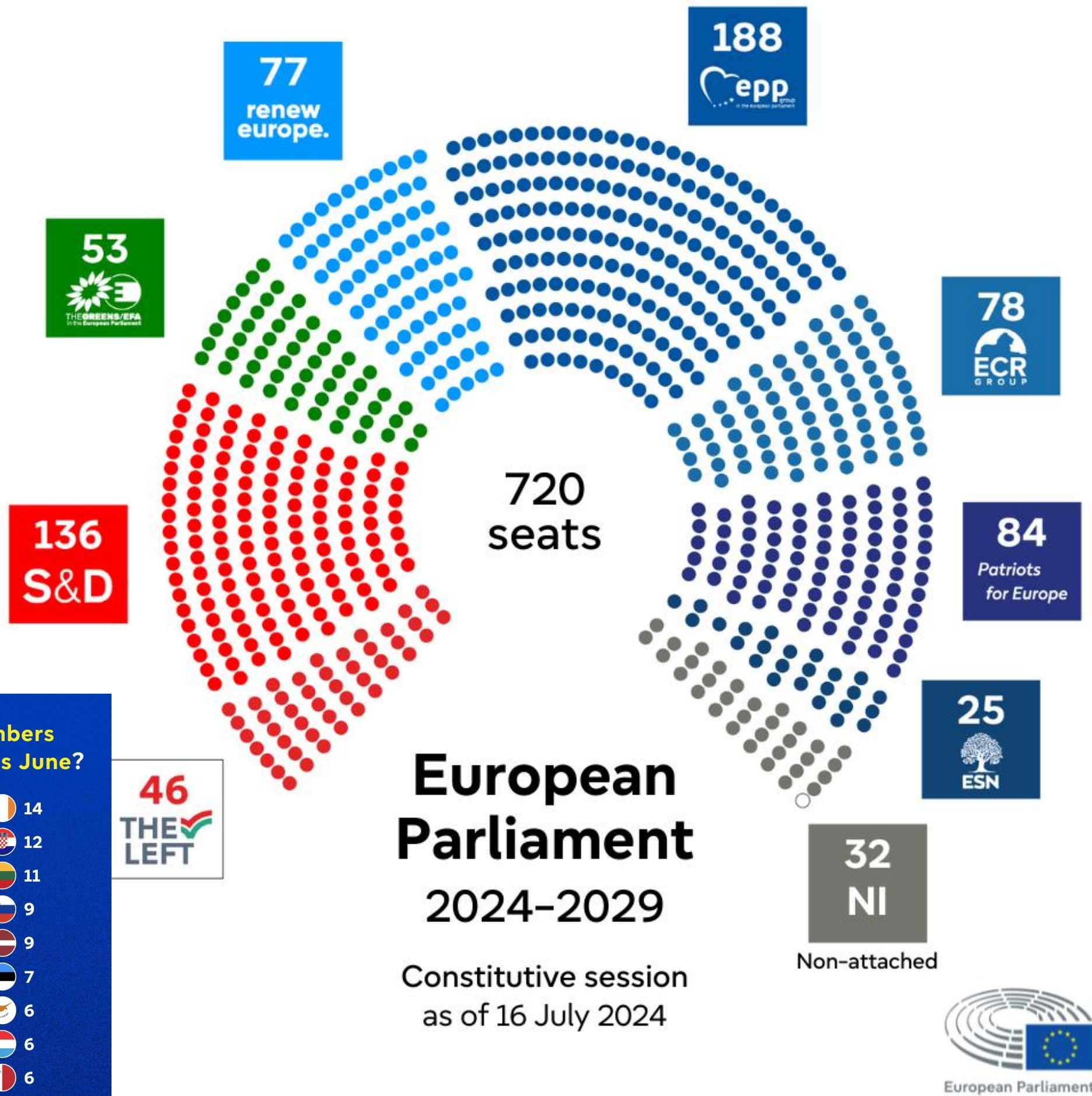


[European Commission's Mission letters to Commissioners-designate](#)



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

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



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

European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	 RIES Frédérique  Shadow rapporteur  FLORENZ Karl-Heinz  PAOLUCCI Massimo  DEMESMAEKER Mark  BOYLAN Lynn  AUKEN Margrete  PEDICINI Piernicola  GODDYN Sylvie	07/05/2018
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	ECON Economic and Monetary Affairs	 KAPPEL Barbara	20/06/2018
	ITRE Industry, Research and Energy	 KAPPEL Barbara	25/06/2018
	AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development	 ROPÉ Bronis	10/07/2018
	PECH Fisheries	 BRIANO Renata	14/06/2018
	JURI Legal Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union			
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Environment	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		

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