

# How to research the EU

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# Agenda

- 10-11 What is the EU, really?
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- 12-13 Lunch
- 13-14.30 What, when, where, who?
- 14.30-15 Coffee break
- 15-16 Access to documents, investigations

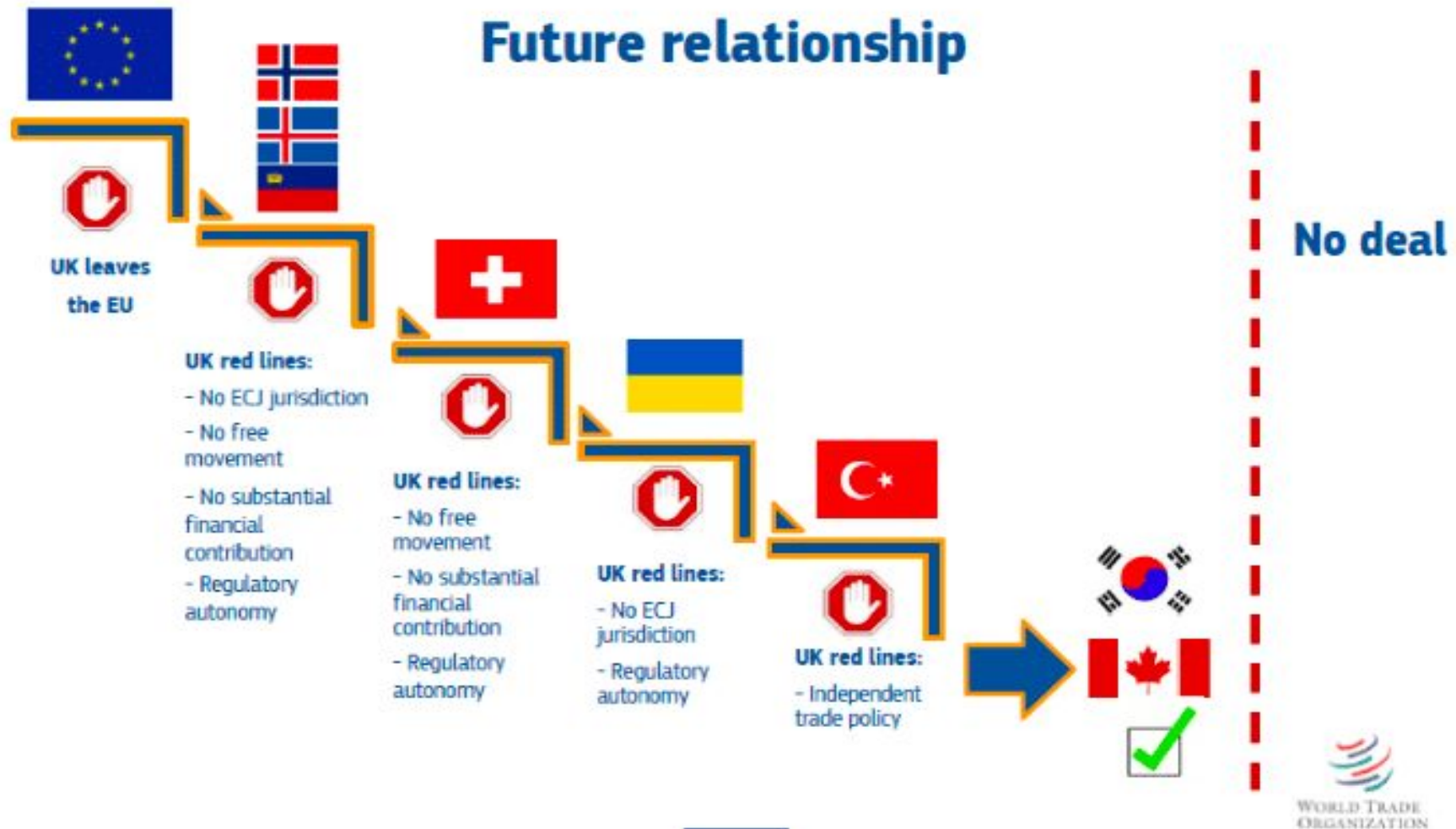
WHAT IS THE EU, REALLY?

- **The EU is a political level, decision-making level** (municipality, region, national parliament, EU)
- Not a topic. EU politics go into all politics. To different extent
- Not an actor. All national political parties and organised interests also act on the EU level
- All EU laws are adopted by the council = our governments. Sweden/France/Poland vs. EU = false narrative

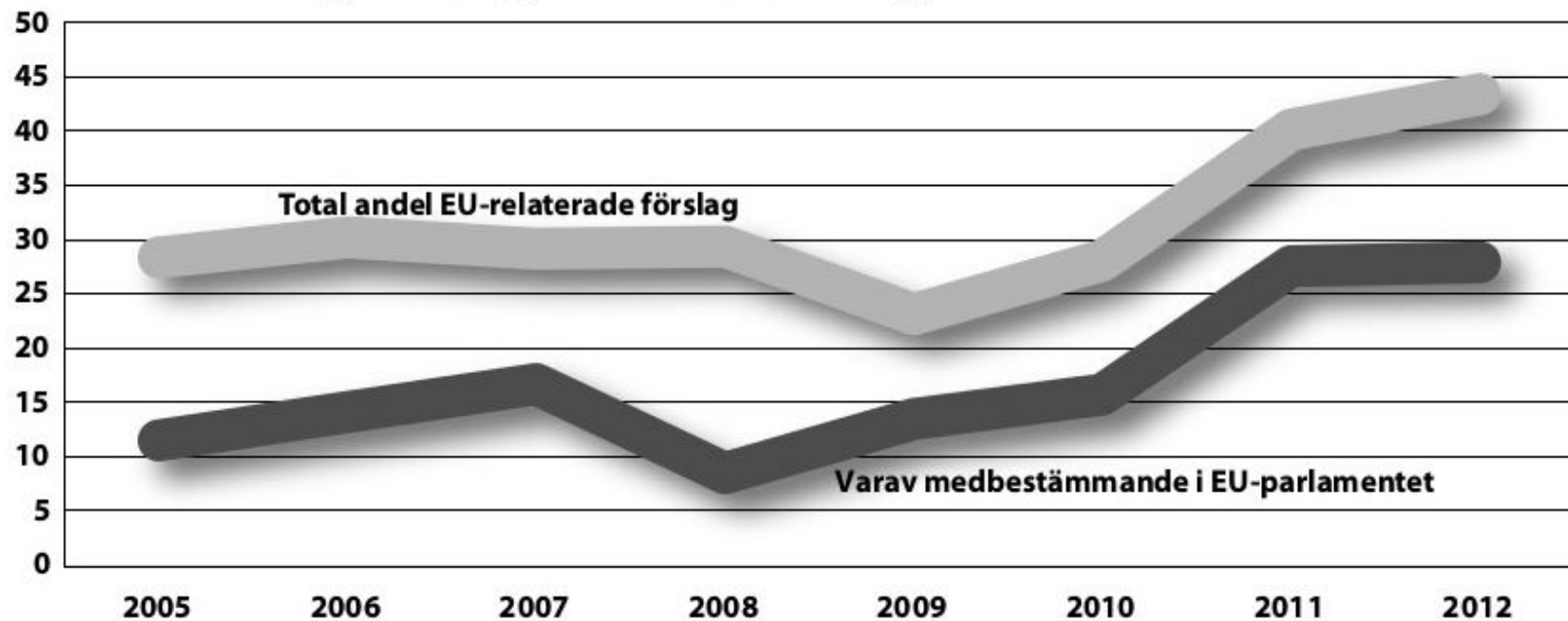
- The EU is an experiment, between international organization and federal state
- "Ever closer union" = EU integration
  - More areas of politics are moved to the EU level = become "EU competency"
  - Decisions more often taken in a "supranational" rather than "intergovernmental" way
- Treaty changes. Unanimous decisions.  
Crisis → EU integration.
- Where is this EU integration happening now? Migration, economic policies, health, defence
- EU integration happen when EU countries' interests align, not because of federalist dreams.

- Not binary: EU or not
- Different cooperations within the EU, different levels, "EU à la carte"
- EEA = EU and Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein (internal market + "four freedoms")
- Bilateral deal EU-Switzerland, almost like EEA deal
- Schengen = 22 EU countries + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland (Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, Cyprus, Ireland)
- Euro cooperation = 19 EU countries (Bulgaria, Romania, Czech republic, Hungary, Poland, Croatia, Sweden, Denmark)
- "Enhanced cooperation", at least 9 EU countries go ahead, open for everyone. Possible since Amsterdam treaty 1999.
- International divorces, European public prosecutor, patent protection, financial transaction tax.

## Future relationship



## Svenska lagförslag som har sin grund i EU



Statistiken bygger på R&D:s granskning av 1 318 propositioner som finns redovisade på regeringens webbplats ([regeringen.se](http://regeringen.se)) från åren 2005–2012. Av de 104 propositioner som redovisats till och med 18 september i år är 33 EU-relaterade och i 17 fall har EU-parlamentet varit medbeslutande.

KÄLLA: RIKSDAG & DEPARTEMENT



To sum up:

- The EU is a decision-making level
- It is the 27 governments that "are" the EU → Don't let them blame "the EU", always check how they acted.
- The EU in constant movement. Trend: more EU integration.
- EU decisions are underreported = a lot to do for journalists

# Exercise 1: Legal basis, legislative procedure

- 1. Legal proposal from the European Commission  
(google: European Commission + proposal + "common charger")  
eg. "single-use plastics", "new migration pact", "train passenger rights", "country-by-country reporting on taxes"
- 2. Find the legal basis  
(ctrl F "legal basis")  
eg. "article 114 TFEU"
- 3. Check this in the treaties. What is the legislative procedure?  
(google the treaty, search the article, check the legislative procedure)

▼ Pulling the plug on consumer frustration and e-waste: Commission proposes a common charger for electronic devices

Next Steps

Background

For More Information

## European Commission - Press release



### **Pulling the plug on consumer frustration and e-waste: Commission proposes a common charger for electronic devices**

Brussels, 23 September 2021

Today, the Commission takes an important step against e-waste and consumer inconvenience, caused by the prevalence of different, incompatible chargers for electronic devices. Years of working with industry on a voluntary approach already brought down the number of mobile phone chargers from 30 to 3 within the last decade, but could not deliver a complete solution. The Commission is now putting forward legislation to establish a common charging solution for all relevant devices.

With today's proposal for a revised Radio Equipment Directive, the charging port and fast charging technology will be harmonised: USB-C will become the standard port for all smartphones, tablets, cameras, headphones, portable speakers and handheld videogame consoles. In addition, the Commission proposes to unbundle the sale of chargers from the sale of electronic devices. This will improve consumers' convenience and reduce the environmental footprint associated with the production and disposal of chargers, thereby supporting the green and digital transitions.

Margrethe **Vestager**, Executive Vice-President for a Europe fit for the Digital Age, said: "*European consumers were frustrated long enough about incompatible chargers piling up in their drawers. We gave industry plenty of time to come up with their own solutions, now time is ripe for legislative action for a common charger. This is an important win for our consumers and environment and in line with our green and digital ambitions.*"

Commissioner Thierry **Breton**, responsible for the Internal Market, said: "*Chargers power all our most essential electronic devices. With more and more devices, more and more chargers are sold that are not interchangeable or not necessary. We are putting an end to that. With our proposal, European consumers will be able to use a single charger for all their portable electronics – an important step to increase convenience and reduce waste.*"

Today, the Commission is proposing:

- **A harmonised charging port for electronic devices:** USB-C will be the common port. This will allow consumers to charge their devices with the same USB-C charger, regardless of the device brand.
- **Harmonised fast charging technology** will help prevent that different producers

- ▶ 1. CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL
- ▶ 2. LEGAL BASIS, SUBSIDIARITY AND PROPORTIONALITY
- ▶ 3. RESULTS OF EX-POST EVALUATIONS, STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS AND IMPACT ASSESSMENTS
- ▶ 4. BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS
- ▶ 5. OTHER ELEMENTS

work programme ('A Europe fit for the digital age').

## 2. **LEGAL BASIS, SUBSIDIARITY AND PROPORTIONALITY**

- **Legal basis**

The proposal is based on the same legal basis as the legislative act that is being amended, i.e. Article 114 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

- **Subsidiarity (for non-exclusive competence)**

The internal market is a competence that is shared between the Union and the Member States.

One of the objectives of Directive 2014/53/EU is to guarantee the proper functioning of the internal market. Article 3(3)(a) of the Directive, which applies if relevant Commission delegated act is adopted, refers to common chargers.

Recital 12 of the Directive states that interoperability between radio equipment and accessories such as chargers simplifies the use of radio equipment and reduces unnecessary waste and costs.

The absence of harmonisation in this area will lead to substantial differences between Member States' laws, regulations, administrative provisions or practices on the interoperability of mobile phones and similar categories or classes of radio equipment with a common charging device and on unbundling.

Action at national level to address the problems could create obstacles to the free movement of goods. Furthermore, action at national level is limited to the territory of the Member State(s) in question. In view of the increasing internationalisation of trade, the number of cross-border cases is rising constantly. Coordinated action at EU level will achieve the agreed objectives much more efficiently, and, in particular, will render market surveillance more effective. It is therefore appropriate to take action at EU level.

- **Proportionality**

In accordance with the principle of proportionality, the proposed amendments do not go

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CHAPTER 3  
APPROXIMATION OF LAWS

Article 114  
(ex Article 95 TEC)

1. Save where otherwise provided in the Treaties, the following provisions shall apply for the achievement of the objectives set out in Article 26. The European Parliament and the Council shall, acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and after consulting the Economic and Social Committee, adopt the measures for the approximation of the provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action in Member States which have as their object the establishment and functioning of the internal market.
2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply to fiscal provisions, to those relating to the free movement of persons nor to those relating to the rights and interests of employed persons.
3. The Commission, in its proposals envisaged in paragraph 1 concerning health, safety, environmental protection and consumer protection, will take as a base a high level of protection, taking account in particular of any new development based on scientific facts. Within their respective powers, the European Parliament and the Council will also seek to achieve this objective.
4. If, after the adoption of a harmonisation measure by the European Parliament and the Council, by the Council or by the Commission, a Member State deems it necessary to maintain national provisions on grounds of major needs referred to in Article 36, or relating to the protection of the environment or the working environment, it shall notify the Commission of these provisions as well as the grounds for maintaining them.
5. Moreover, without prejudice to paragraph 4, if, after the adoption of a harmonisation measure by the European Parliament and the Council, by the Council or by the Commission, a Member State deems it necessary to introduce national provisions based on new scientific evidence relating to the

Ordinary legislative procedure = the parliament and the council need to agree, and the council adopts laws with qualified majority vote, no vetos.



## Contents

Consolidated versions of the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (2012/C 326/01)

Consolidated version of the Treaty on European Union

Consolidated version of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

Protocols

Annexes

Declarations annexed to the Final Act of the Intergovernmental Conference which adopted the Treaty of Lisbon, signed on 13 December 2007

Tables of equivalences

Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (2012/C 326/02)

## PART THREE

### UNION POLICIES AND INTERNAL ACTIONS

#### TITLE I

##### THE INTERNAL MARKET

##### *Article 26* (ex Article 14 TEC)

1. The Union shall adopt measures with the aim of establishing or ensuring the functioning of the internal market, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Treaties.
2. The internal market shall comprise an area without internal frontiers in which the free movement of goods, persons, services and capital is ensured in accordance with the provisions of the Treaties.
3. The Council, on a proposal from the Commission, shall determine the guidelines and conditions necessary to ensure balanced progress in all the sectors concerned.

##### *Article 27* (ex Article 15 TEC)

When drawing up its proposals with a view to achieving the objectives set out in Article 26, the Commission shall take into account the extent of the effort that certain economies showing differences in development will have to sustain for the establishment of the internal market and it may propose appropriate provisions.

If these provisions take the form of derogations, they must be of a temporary nature and must cause the least possible disturbance to the functioning of the internal market.

# EU LEGISLATION AND SOURCES

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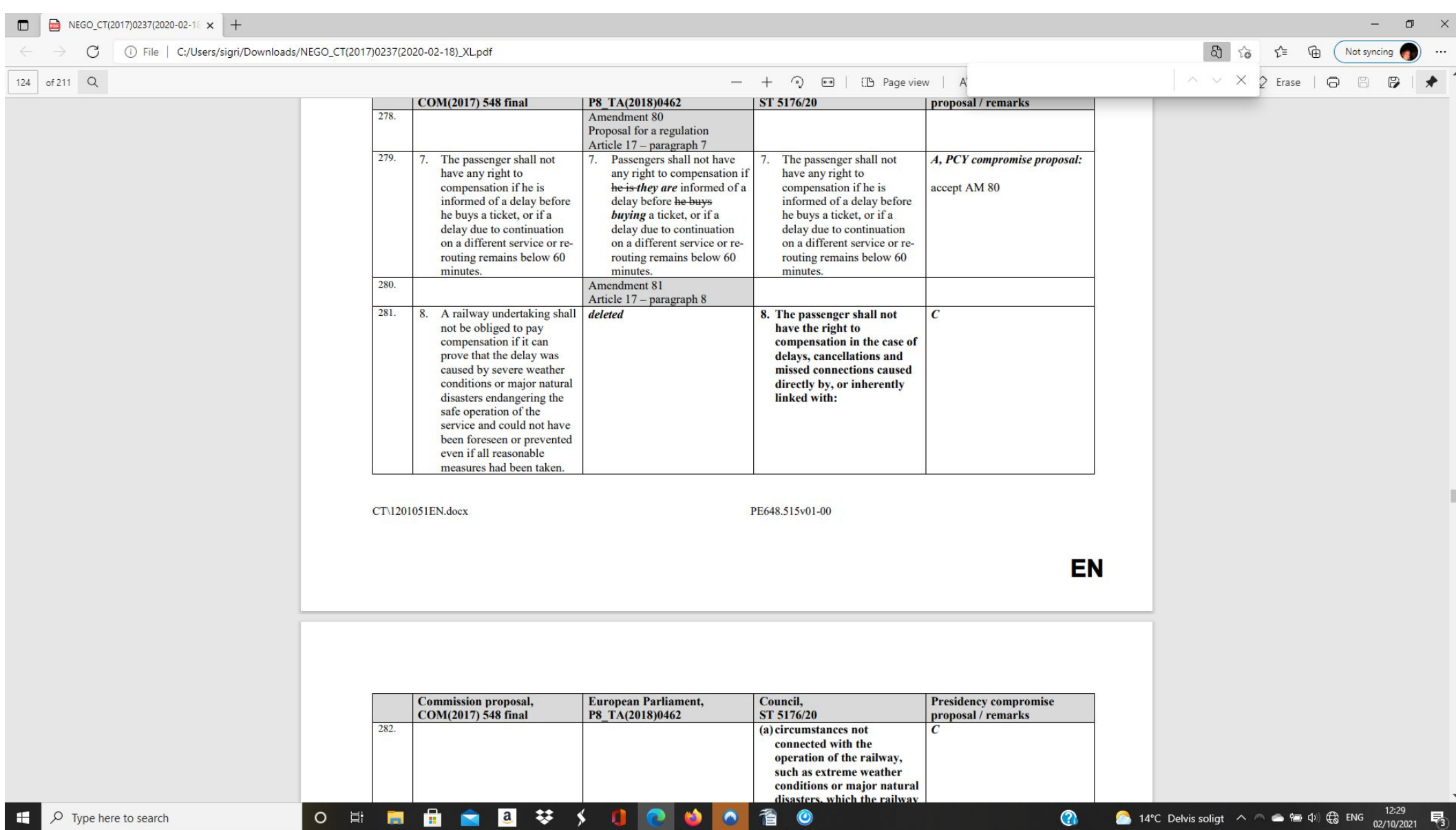
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"Four-column document" from trilogues on Rail passenger rights regulation.  
 First column: Commission proposal  
 Second: Parliament  
 Third: Council  
 Forth: Proposed compromise

# Finding the right source

- First: Find out where in the process we are at the moment. Which EU institution has the ball? What is the news?
- Typically all three institutions are in the know. = Contact commission, parliament, council.
- Before the final decision, all versions are based on the commission proposal.
- If you don't know which one, start with the commission.

# The European Commission – what is it?

- What is the Commission? College and bureaucracy
- 27 commissioners = the college ≈ EU:s government
- Take decisions together, Wednesday
- Nominated by national governments = ideologically mixed
- Represent the whole EU. The ideology = more EU
- 32 directorate-general, "DG", like a government department
- EU:s bureaucracy: around 30 000 civil servants

# What does it do?

- The EU countries' common tool
- Proposes new EU laws. But doesn't make the laws! The "EU:s motor".
- Controls that EU countries follow the common laws, act like a prosecutor.
- Negotiate for the whole of the EU internationally, eg. Climate talks, trade deals, brexit etc.
- Hands out money from the EU budget.

# European Commission as a source

- 27 commissioners (make interview request with their "communication advisors", not the commission spokespersons)
- Spokespersons (on the record) + press secretaries (on background) Midday briefing.
- Civil servants on the dg:s (on background)
- EU commission in your country

- banking and financial services, taxation and customs
- EU-UK negotiations (Task Force for Relations with the United Kingdom)

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- Relations with SPP
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- Relations with Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee
- European Border and Coast Guard Agency recruitment strategy

### Non-portfolio

- European Green Deal
- Democracy and Demography
- Environment, oceans and fisheries



Google "Ylva Johansson + team". In the list, find the "communication advisor" = spin doctor, personal assistant. Ask him for an interview with Johansson.



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- Transparency matters
- Access to documents
- Communication and Relations with the Swedish press ←
- Relations with the Ombudsman
- Research Executive Agency (REA)

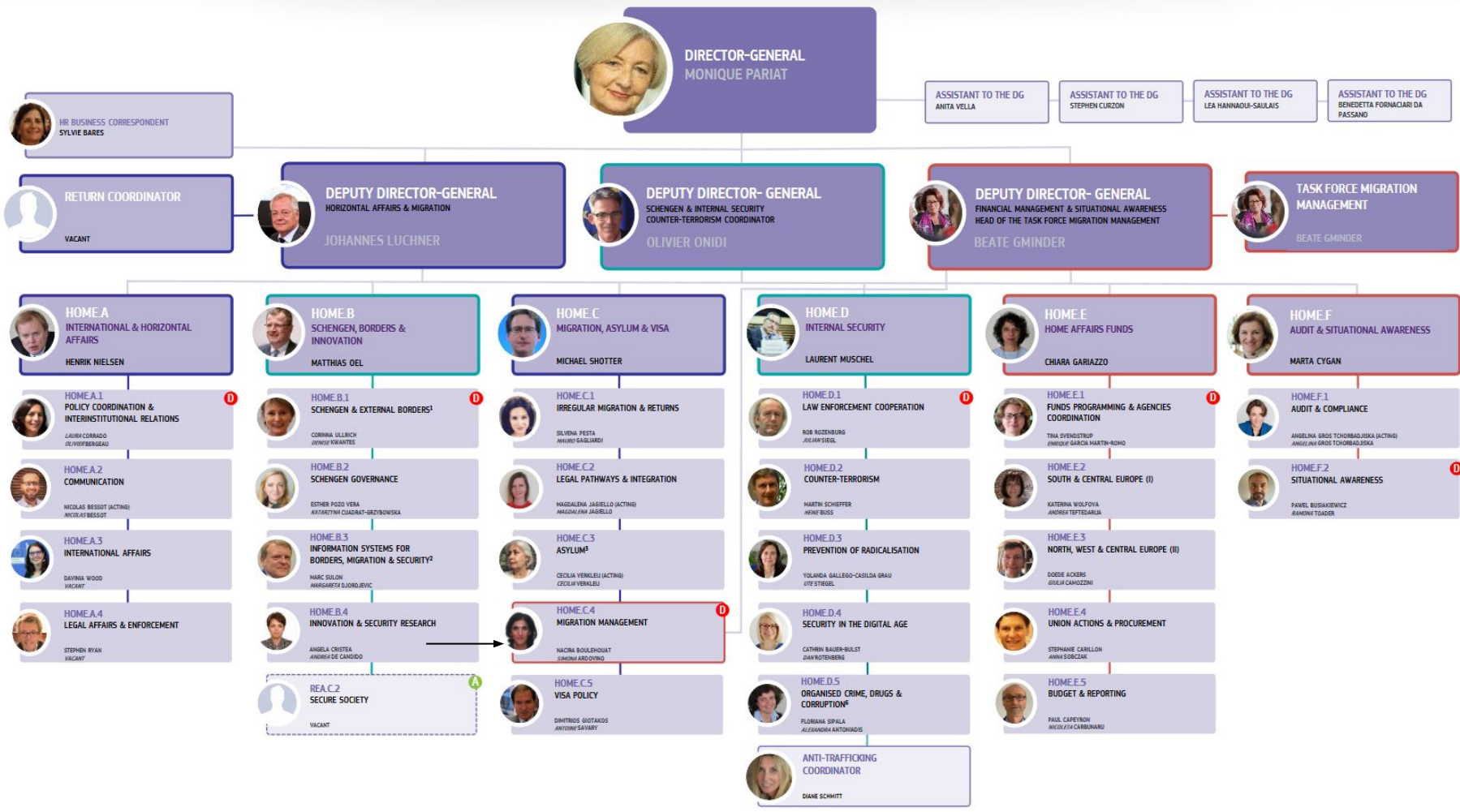
#### Non-portfolio

- Values and Transparency
- An Economy that works for People
- Economic governance
- Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs
- Financial Services and Capital Markets Union
- Cohesion and reforms
- Research and innovation



# Finding the civil servant

- Google DG migration and home affairs
- Find "organigram"/"organizational chart" on site
- Find the right unit, head of unit
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- Phone numbers: <https://op.europa.eu/en/web/who-is-who>





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# European Parliament

- 705 MEPs
- Elected every 5 years, direct elections in all EU countries
- 7 political groups, EPP, S&D, Renew
- 20 committees

# Adoption of an EU law (in the European Parliament)

- European Commission presents its legal proposal
- Parliament assigns a committee and a rapporteur (MEP in charge)
- The committee debates, votes on the report from the rapporteur. Other political groups have "shadow rapporteurs"
- The committee adopts the report. This is the position of the EP.
- Sometimes it goes to the plenary, sometimes directly to negotiations with the council (trilogue)
- The rapporteur represents the parliament in the trilogues.
- Once there is a compromise, its adopted in the plenary.

# Sources in the European Parliament

- The Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) themselves (rapporteur, shadow rapporteur, informal experts, MEPs in the committee). Easy to contact.
- MEPs assistants/policy experts
- European Parliaments press officers (language/committees)
- Committee policy experts (ask the committee press officer)
- Political groups' press officers
- European Parliament national representation office



 Key players

## Procedure file

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European Parliament 

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
 Transport and Tourism	 LIBERADZKI Bogusław – Shadow rapporteur  HORTEFEUX Brice  BAUZÁ DÍAZ José Ramón  DEPARNAY-GRUNENBERG Anna  HAIDER Roman  PORĘBA Tomasz Piotr  FERREIRA João	25/10/2017
+ Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
+ Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
Former committee for opinion on the recast technique	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed

 Legal Affairs


Legislative observatory = European Parliament's law database  
 Find the rapporteurs and shadow-rapporteurs  
 Here: google "rail passenger rights regulation" and "legislative observatory".



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### Member

 Committee on Transport and Tourism

 Delegation for relations with the United States

### Substitute

 Committee on Budgetary Control

 Delegation for relations with Israel

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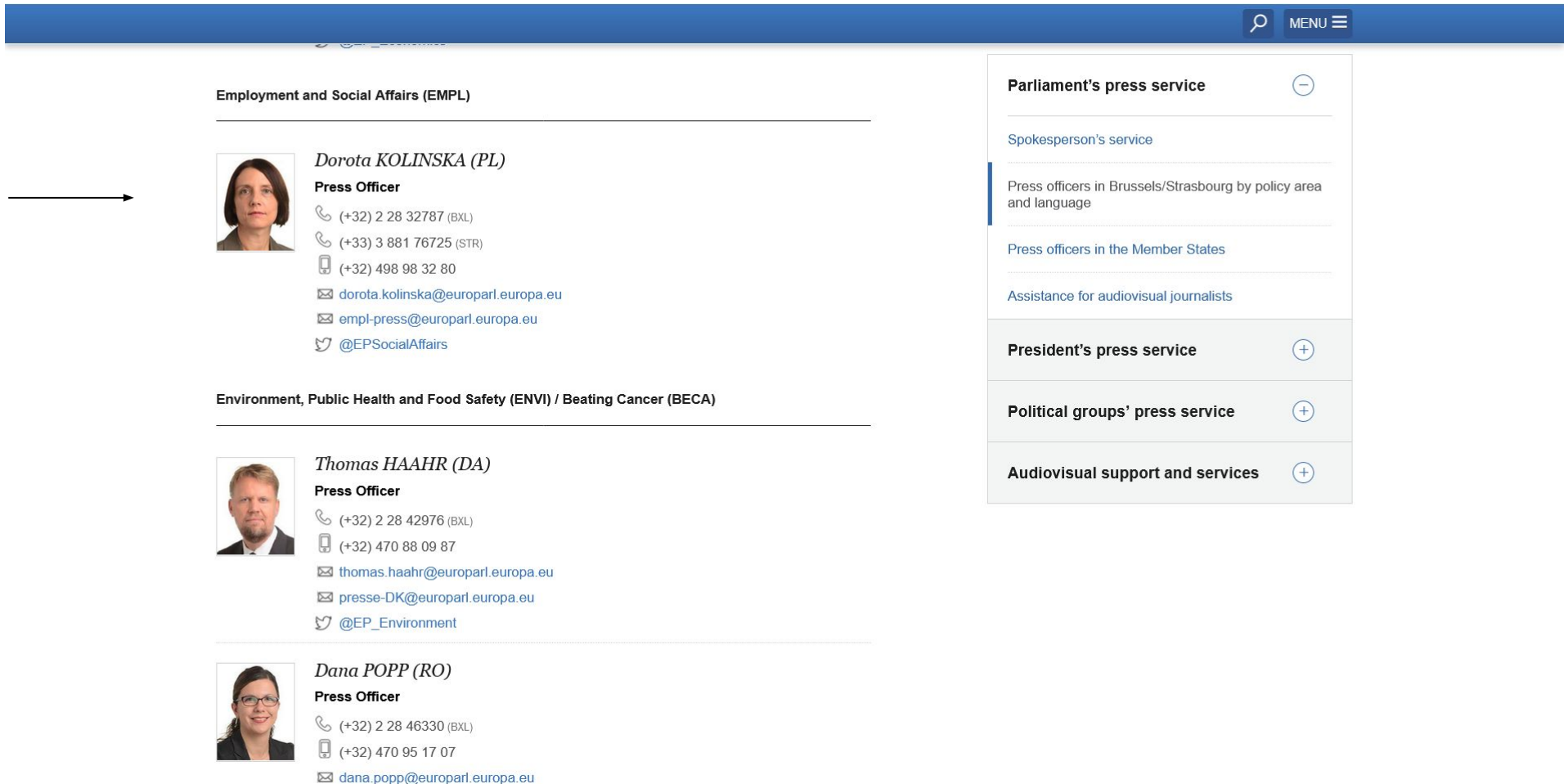
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Audiovisual support and services ⊕

- Google European Parliament + press contacts
  - "Neutral" press secretaries
  - Above: Contact Dorota for all questions about employment and all questions in Polish
- <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/press-room/contacts/1/press-officers-in-brussels-strasbourg-by-policy-area-and-language>

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# Council of Ministers – representing the national governments

- The Council = abstract institution. Whoever represents the national governments is the Council.
- **Working groups:** around 150. Diplomats/civil servants from EU countries' permanent representations in Brussels, or from capitals.
- **Coreper:** two constellations. Coreper II (prepares GAC, FAC, Ecofin and JHA) and Coreper I (all other councils). Meet every week.
- **Council meetings:** 10 constellations. Minister, junior minister or ambassador. This is the legislative level.
- European council / EU summits. Not officially the Council of ministers, don't make laws, set the direction for the EU, give orders to ministers or to the EU commission.

# Adoption of an EU law (in the Council)

- European Commission presents its legal proposal
- The Council assigns a working group
- The working group discusses the technical details. Anything too political is "sent up" to the President, and further on to the ministers.
- The Council deliberations about law making are public, so are the votes.
- The president country decides which issues to put on the agenda
- When the Council has adopted a position (called "general approach"), negotiations with the European Parliament start (trilogues).
- The president country represents the Council in the trilogue negotiations.
- The final compromise needs to be adopted by the Council (the ministers).

# Sources in the Council of ministers

- National ministers + press people
- National civil servants ("perm rep"/government department)
- Other EU countries' "perm reps"/governments
- The Council's own press officers
- The president country

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- One press person per topic/council, no country/language specific
- Only information "on background"
- Check the information from your country, more neutral

Problem: "On background", "no quoting", "no attribution". How to get officials to comment on stuff that should be in the public domain?

- Transparency rules in EU commission = EU average
- In countries where civil servants talk, choose them. Get the info from Brussels, quotes from the capital
- Remember: all perm reps/capitals "own" the council information. National MPs.
- MEPs!
- When "on background" – you need more people
- For Commission, accept background. For anyone else, argue your case

## Exercise 2. Find the sources in three EU institutions

1. Pick an EU law that you are interested in. (Google “legislative observatory” + eg “European Media Freedom Act”)  
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2. Who is the rapporteur in the European Parliament? Who is the main shadow rapporteur?
3. Which spokesperson from the European Commission is best suited to talk?  
[https://commission.europa.eu/about-european-commission/contact/press-services/press-contacts/commissions-spokespersons-service\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/about-european-commission/contact/press-services/press-contacts/commissions-spokespersons-service_en)
4. Which press officer in the Council of Ministers?  
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Ministerrådet  
MEDLEMSLÄNDERNAS RÖST

1. European Commission adopts a legal proposal.
2. and 3. European Parliament and Council of ministers adopt their respective versions of the law.
4. The three institutions negotiate, so called trilogues. Parliament and council adopt the compromise.

# Where in the legislative process are we?

- Long processes: 1,3,5 years. Some files: over 10 years. Many steps.
- Talk to the three institutions! Case of single-use plastics, start with:
  - Commission spokesperson/press officer for environment
  - Parliament environment committee press officer / rapporteur + shadows
  - Council press officer environment / national diplomats
- Before the final deal, the main text is the Commission proposal. Read it. At least the most controversial paragraphs.
- Legislative Observatory – all who, when, what, where questions answered.
- Google "single-use plastics + legislative observatory"
- Legislative Train – edited text about the file, European Parliament
- Google "single-use plastics + legislative train"
- Cross-check that you have the right legal file! “Real name” is different from media name.

# Example: EU law on single-use plastics

- 28 May 2018: European Commission adopts legal proposal.
- 24 October 2018: European Parliament adopts its position.
- 31 October 2018: The Council adopts its position.
- 19 December 2018: Deal between Parliament and Council in the trilogues. (negotiations November-December)
- 27 March 2019: The final deal is adopted in European Parliament.
- 21 May 2019: The final deal is adopted in the Council.

# EU proposes ban on straws and other single-use plastics

28 May 2018



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# Commission wants to ban plastic straws

By **EUOBSERVER**

28. MAY 2018, 12:05

The European Commission proposed on Monday to ban the use of plastic in the production of cotton buds, cutlery, plates, straws, drink stirrers and sticks for balloons. "These products won't disappear, they will just be made with different materials," said commission first vice-president Frans Timmermans. The proposed ban aims to tackle single-use plastics, often found on beaches. "We are at risk of choking our oceans in plastic," said Timmermans.

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# Single-use plastics ban approved by European Parliament

24 October 2018



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## European parliament approves sweeping ban on single-use plastics

Proposal passes 571-53, with Labour MEPs demanding UK mirror EU action after Brexit

Arthur Neslen in Brussels

Wed 24 Oct 2018 18.31 BST



▲ As well as a ban on items such as plastic straws, the proposed directive would require 90% of plastic bottles to be recycled by 2025. Photograph: David Jones/University of Portsmouth

The European parliament has overwhelmingly backed a wide-ranging ban on single-use plastics in an effort to tackle pollution in seas, fields and waterways.

Under the proposed **directive**, items such as plastic straws, cotton swabs, disposable plastic plates and cutlery would be banned by 2021, and 90% of plastic bottle recycled by 2025.

Described by the European commission as a clampdown on “the top 10 plastic products that most often end up in the ocean”, the proposed legislation passed 571 votes to 53.

Labour MEPs said the EU plan must be respected by the UK after Brexit. Seb

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## MEPs crank up crusade against single-use plastics

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EU lawmakers voted in favour of reducing the amount of plastic in cigarette butts. [Shutterstock]

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MEPs moved on Wednesday (24 October) to ban widely-used, throw-away plastics such as straws, bags and cotton buds, putting the burden on manufacturers to recycle more in an

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# EU parliament votes to reduce plastics pollution

By EUOBSERVER  
24. OCT 2018, 09:29

The European parliament votes on Wednesday on measures to reduce plastics pollution. The proposal includes a ban on some of the most widely used single-use plastic items such as plates, straws, and light plastic bags, which make up 70 percent of marine litter. Europeans generate 25m tonnes of plastic waste yearly, but less than 30 percent is collected for recycling.

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## EU action to restrict plastic pollution: Council agrees its position

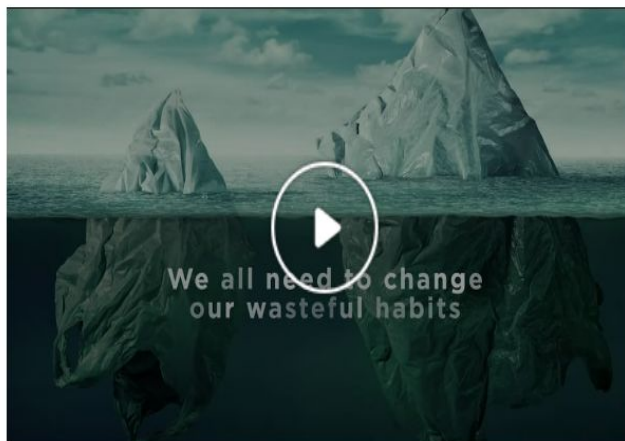
The EU is taking action to reduce plastic pollution by setting **tough new restrictions on single-use plastic products**.

Today's meeting of member states' ambassadors in the Permanent Representatives Committee agreed the Council's position on a proposal for a new directive which is part of the EU's efforts to protect the environment and clean up the oceans.

The new rules will **ban the use of certain throwaway plastic products** for which alternatives exist. In addition, specific measures will be introduced to **reduce the use of the most frequently littered plastic products**, especially those that are often found on European beaches.



Plastic waste is polluting our rivers, our beaches and our oceans. This is why we will ban plastic products for which good alternatives exist. And we will make plastic producers pay for cleaning up. Today's decision is an important step towards protecting our environment.



The EU is passing new rules to reduce single-use plastics that damage our seas and our health.

31 October 2018, council position

# EU agrees ban on plastic straws, cotton buds to tackle plastic pollution

The single-use plastics directive is aimed at cutting down on the most common forms of litter.



Plastic waste lies on the banks of the River Thames | Jack Taylor/Getty Images

BY PAOLA TAMMA

December 19, 2018 | 9:14 am



Negotiators from the Parliament and Council reached an [agreement](#) Wednesday morning on a Commission proposal to cut pollution

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# EU agree to ban throwaway plastics to reduce marine litter

By EUOBSERVER  
19. DEC 2018, 08:54

Following 12.5 hours of negotiating, EU institutions reached a provisional agreement on single-use plastics on Wednesday morning, according to the [Austrian EU presidency](#). The [Commission proposed](#) in May to ban plastics products such as plates, cutlery, straws, balloon sticks or cotton buds, making up 70 percent of marine litter. The [parliament suggested](#) in addition that packaging and fast-food containers also be banned from 2021.

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Commission VP Frans Timmermans (C) attends an event organised by activists in November called "slaying the plastic pollution monster". [Rethink Plastic]

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**Negotiators of the European Parliament, Council and Commission struck a provisional**

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## EU lawmakers back ban on single-use plastics, set standard for world

By Clare Roth

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STRASBOURG (Reuters) - Single-use plastic items such as straws, forks and knives as well as cotton buds will be banned in the European Union by 2021 following a vote by EU lawmakers on Wednesday as the bloc pushes manufacturers to step up their recycling efforts.



27 March 2019, parliament adopts final deal

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# EU affairs ministers rubber-stamp new ban on plastics

By EUOBSERVER

21. MAY 2019, 12:04

EU affairs ministers meeting on Tuesday in the Council of the EU adopted new rules that ban the use of plastics in certain throw-away items. The [new directive](#) will require producers of [single-use products](#) like straws, cutlery, and balloon sticks to use other material than plastic, which often ends up in the ocean, harming marine life. The new rules had already been agreed by EU ambassadors in January.

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Brussels, 28.5.2018  
COM(2018) 340 final

2018/0172 (COD)

Proposal for a

**DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

**on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment**

(Text with EEA relevance)

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Directive

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3.70.05 Marine and coastal pollution, pollution from ships, oil pollution  
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22/10/2018	Debate in Parliament		
24/10/2018	Results of vote in Parliament		
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<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Legislation
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<b>Legal basis</b>	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 192-p1; Rules of Procedure EP 59-p4
<b>Mandatory consultation of other institutions</b>	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
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About three quarters of the marine litter in the world's seas is plastic. On European beaches, the European Commission estimates that plastics make up 80–85 % of marine litter by count, and that single-use plastics account for about half of all marine litter by count. Most of the plastic in our oceans originates from land-based sources, except in the North-East Atlantic where sea-based litter is equally important.

Official journal. Member States have until 5 July 2021 to transpose the new directive into national law.

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**Visit the European Parliament homepages on [plastic waste](#) and [circular economy](#)**

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# Lobbying in the EU

- European Commission: expert groups, "stakeholder conferences", public consultations etc. Institutionalised.
- European Parliament: contacts with leading MEPs + policy experts, send amendments to MEPs in the committee.
- Council: mainly in the capitals. "national interest"

# Example: deforestation

Who should be held accountable in the EU for not taking a tougher stance on deforestation?

How can I find out if agriculture/commodities lobbies impacted on legislation concerning eliminating (illegal) deforestation from supply chains?

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## Deforestation and forest degradation

### Introduction

Forests cover roughly 30% of the world's land area. Besides their intrinsic beauty, richness and unique diversity, they are a major provider of various vital components of a healthy, functioning Earth. They host 80% of the world's terrestrial biodiversity and are an essential source of timber, food, medicine, fibre and shelter. More than 1.6 billion people rely on forests and their livelihoods and cultural integrity dependent on them. Forests also play a significant role in providing clean air, regulating the water cycle, capturing CO<sub>2</sub>, and preventing climate change and soil erosion.

However, forests are rapidly disappearing around the world. Deforestation – the permanent destruction of forests and woodlands and conversion to non-forest uses – and forest degradation – the loss of the forests' capacity to provide their essential goods and services – are the biggest threats to forests. In the last 60 years, more than half of the tropical forests worldwide have been destroyed. While the phenomenon is not new, the current scale and pace of destruction is alarming. In 2017, more than one football pitch of forest was lost every second – the second highest recorded since 2001.

Deforestation occurs most concentrated in tropical rainforests. Tropical forests are disappearing

Start in the European Commission!

Get an overview of existing EU laws (google EU commission + deforestation)

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1.	<b>Fit for 55 package</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Revision of the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS), including maritime, aviation and CORSIA as well as a proposal for ETS as own resource</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q2 2021)</li> <li>b) <b>Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) and a proposal for CBAM as own resource</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q2 2021)</li> <li>c) <b>Effort Sharing Regulation</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1) TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> <li>d) <b>Amendment to the Renewable Energy Directive to implement the ambition of the new 2030 climate target</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 194 TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> <li>e) <b>Amendment of the Energy Efficiency Directive to implement the ambition of the new 2030 climate target</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 194 TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> <li>f) <b>Revision of the Regulation on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1) TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> <li>g) <b>Reducing methane emissions in the energy sector</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Articles 192 and 194 TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> <li>h) <b>Revision of the Energy Tax Directive</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Q2 2021)</li> <li>i) <b>Revision of the Directive on deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 91 TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> <li>j) <b>Revision of the Regulation setting CO2 emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 192(1) TFEU, Q2 2021)</li> <li>k) <b>Revision of the energy performance of Buildings Directive</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 194 TFEU, Q4 2021)</li> <li>l) <b>Revision of the Third Energy Package for gas (Directive 2009/73/EU and Regulation 715/2009/EU) to regulate competitive decarbonised gas markets</b> (legislative, incl. impact assessment, Article 194 TFEU, Q4 2021)</li> </ul>
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<sup>1</sup> In this annex, the Commission provides further information, as far as available, on the initiatives included in its Work Programme, in line with the Interinstitutional Agreement on Better Law-making. This information, which is provided in brackets next to each initiative, is indicative only and subject to change during the preparatory process, notably in view of the outcome of an impact assessment process.



# Second step: Follow the specific law

- Compare the legal texts. Where was it watered down?
- In the original commission proposal? In the parliament? In the Council?
- Talk to NGOs/lobbyists on the other side to identify the main issues.



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## 2008/0198(COD) PDF

### Obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market

#### Basic information PDF

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#### 2008/0198(COD)

COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)  
Regulation

Amended by [2018/0205\(COD\)](#)

#### Status

Procedure completed

#### Subject

3.10.11 Forestry policy  
3.70.01 Protection of natural resources: fauna, flora, nature, wildlife, countryside; biodiversity  
6.20 Common commercial policy in general  
6.30 Development cooperation

Please go to Documentation gateway for any follow-up documents.



Legislative observatory + timber regulation

# Third step: who has influenced it?

- Commission

open consultation, expert groups, FOI

- Parliament

compare amendments to lobby position papers,  
ask around

- Council

in the capitals, compare government position to  
that of big national companies

Exempel: new EU requirements for information on wine bottles

- Producers
- Consumers
- Patient groups
- Anti-alcohol groups


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**Latest registrants:**

Name:	Registration date:
EuroLiberal ASBL	02/03/2021
Shepperton Consulting	02/03/2021
Childhood Cancer International - Europe	02/03/2021
Riverwatch	02/03/2021
NJFVision	02/03/2021

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### Statistics

On 02/03/2021, there are 12335 registrants in the register.

**They are from the following (sub)sections:**

<a href="#">I - Professional consultancies/law firms/self-employed consultants</a>	855
<a href="#">II - In-house lobbyists and trade/business /professional associations</a>	6,594
<a href="#">III - Non-governmental organisations</a>	3,346
<a href="#">IV - Think tanks, research and academic institutions</a>	927

## European Commission lobby register

<https://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/homePage.do>

the main Italian trade union for **wine** and spirits producers. It...70% of the export value of Italian **wine**. The mission of Unione Italiana...and assist in the development of **wine** producers, their products and

#### Confederation Europeenne de Distilleries Vinicoles (CEDIVI)

<b>Identification number:</b> 77387528902-68	<b>Registration date:</b> 05/06/2012	<b>Section:</b> II - In-house lobbyists and trade/business/professional associations
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CEDIVI represents almost 70% of **wine** alcohol distilleries in Europe...Association, ADEVIN the Spanish **wine** Alcohol Association and other

#### VINUM ET SPIRITUS ASSOCIATION BELGIUM (VINUM ET SPIRITUS)

<b>Identification number:</b> 314988627543-71	<b>Registration date:</b> 20/06/2017	<b>Section:</b> II - In-house lobbyists and trade/business/professional associations
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EFWSID (the European Federation of **Wine** and Spirits Importers and...EFWSID (European Federation of **Wine** and Spirits Importers and

#### C & C Group plc (C&C)

<b>Identification number:</b> 337521539119-87	<b>Registration date:</b> 31/07/2020	<b>Section:</b> II - In-house lobbyists and trade/business/professional associations
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distributes branded beer, cider, **wine**, spirits, and soft drinks across

#### Commerce Equitable Afrique (FTA)

<b>Identification number:</b> 468233341180-67	<b>Registration date:</b> 08/02/2021	<b>Section:</b> III - Non-governmental organisations
--------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------

tea, cut flowers, cane sugar, **wine**, cotton, bananas, mango

#### Confédération Européenne des Vignerons Indépendants (CEVI)

<b>Identification number:</b> 424179021711-46	<b>Registration date:</b> 09/05/2016	<b>Section:</b> II - In-house lobbyists and trade/business/professional associations
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au niveau européen. WIM **Wine** in Moderation www

#### European Alcohol Policy Alliance (Eurocare)

<b>Identification number:</b> 01546986656-22	<b>Registration date:</b> 13/09/2011	<b>Section:</b> III - Non-governmental organisations
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DG AGRI - Civil dialogue on **wine** and spirit DG Connect - Community of

#### European Container Glass Federation (FEVE)

<b>Identification number:</b> 1550133398-72	<b>Registration date:</b> 15/09/2008	<b>Section:</b> II - In-house lobbyists and trade/business/professional associations
------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Europe - FIVS - International **Wine** & Spirits Association - SEAP

- Search: "wine"
- 20 something organizations/companies that state that they want access to the EU institutions in order to lobby laws specifically on wine
- Use to find sources
- Use to map lobbying, but be careful with drawing conclusions from the information

# Who can "translate" EU legislation to my country?

- We tend to write about EU policies once they are final, adopted and "come home".
- We need to write about it earlier. For that we need "translators" – what will the consequences be at home if/when this law is adopted?
- Who knows? National civil servants. Big national organised interests.
- Regions have their Brussels bureaus. Large national interest groups too. Trade unions, employer organisations, agriculture organisations. Also big companies.
- Smaller interest groups/ companies will be part of European umbrella organisations, present in Brussels
- Rule of thumb: there is a European umbrella organisation for every organised interest
- Talk to the EU lobbyists, then to the national organisation

## Exercise: Find organised interests about an EU law

- Who has an interest? Think broadly.
- Check the EU lobby register.
- Local/national companies – Their European umbrella organization
- Group of people affected – national and European organization.



**ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS AND VOTING DATA**

# Votes

- Always check your government! Council website
- Check your national MEPs. EP website.
- Council is a black box in negotiations, the EP is open.
- Trilogues also black box. Only access to documents once they are over.

# The Council as a black box

- Investigate Europe, "the Council project"
- [www.investigate-europe.eu/en/2020/secrets-of-the-council/](http://www.investigate-europe.eu/en/2020/secrets-of-the-council/)
- Mis-match between its self-image and the legal obligations of the EU treaties.
- Our aim: try to lay the puzzle on specific EU laws, open the council.
- Method: talk to as many national sources as possible, request national documents
- National documents: instructions before every meeting + report after every meeting

# Documents from the Council

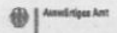
- **The government's first analysis on the Commission proposal, "fact PM", consultations with national stakeholders** (request from national government)
- **Mandate/instruction** before every working party/Coreper  
Capital→Brussels (request from national government, departement/perm rep)
- **Report** after every working party/Coreper, Brussels →Capital  
(request from national government)
- **"Progress reports"**, discussion report, new proposed text (get it from the council document register)
- **EU affairs committee in national parliament**, protocols of deliberations
- **Debates on legislation and votes** in the council are public  
(council website)

Efter diskussionen i *Coreper den 2 maj 2019* sammanfattade [REDACTED] att det föreföll finnas stöd för att generellt anta inledande mandat för förhandlingar med EP såsom allmänna inriktningar i rådet. I diskussionen var alla MS som yttrade sig i princip för detta, dock tveksamhet från [REDACTED] och [REDACTED] och även från [REDACTED] som ville diskutera detaljerna ytterligare. Enligt [REDACTED] fanns också stöd för den andra huvudfrågan ett mer proaktivt förhållningssätt när det gällde offentliggörande och publicering av handlingar i lagstiftningsärenden, men frågan i vilka fall och hur behövde fortsatt diskuteras på teknisk nivå (i enlighet med alternativ 3 i underlaget till *Coreper*). I denna fråga var [REDACTED], SE, [REDACTED] och [REDACTED] positiva till ett mer proaktivt förhållningssätt (alternativ 1) samtidigt som flera konstaterade att ett mer begränsat riktat förhållningssätt verkade vara en mer framkomlig väg. När det gällde proaktiv publicering ville majoriteten överlag se en fortsatt diskussion om en mer begränsad riktad proaktiv hållning i vissa fall (i enlighet med alternativ 3), och betonade behov av att säkra ett utrymme för interna överläggningar och en roll för *Coreper* att fatta beslut i enskilda fall.

Vid efterföljande möte i *Antici + 1 (legal advisors) den 27 maj 2019* fanns fortsatt stöd för RS förslag att etablera en ny praxis innebärande generellt antagande av

**Instruction from the government to Coreper II, 12 June 2019.  
About a discussion on increased transparency in the Council's  
legislative work.**

In geschwätzter  
Fassung nicht als  
VS eingestuft



Diplomatische Korrespondenz

ID: BRUEU\_2018-10-17\_62400

—VS-NUR-FÜR-DEN-DIENSTGEBRAUCH—

Raum für Verhandlungen und andererseits mehr Transparenz ermöglicht. Eine kohärente Politik, bei der vor den Trilogien immer ein allgemeiner Ansatz des Rates beschlossen wird, könnte ein vernünftiger Schritt in diese Richtung sein. In Bezug auf die derzeitige Praxis müssten die Auswirkungen eines solchen neuen Ansatzes jedoch noch näher untersucht werden. In Bezug auf alle Trilogfragen sei eine enge Abstimmung mit EP und KOM erforderlich. Der GS-Vorschlag für eine klarere Unterscheidung zwischen politischen und technischen Sitzungen sowie dazugehörigen Dokumenten könnte dafür ein hilfreicher Ausgangspunkt sein.

[REDACTED]

Feedback: Bitte denken Sie daran, der AV Rückmeldung auf Bericht und Handlungsempfehlung zu geben

Amne	Korrespondenter	Datum
VB: begäran om allmän handling	Peter Holmström	2020-02-14 15:41
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Från Peter Holmström <peter.holmstrom@regeringskansliet.se> ★

Ämne **VB: begäran om allmän handling** 2020-02-14 15:41

Till Sigrid Melchior ★

Hej Sigrid!

Bifogat finner du yttranden som inkommit till regeringen i samband med att regeringen skickade ut en inbjudan att inkomma med synpunkter på Europeiska kommissionens förslag till Europaparlamentets och rådets direktiv om ändring av direktiv 2013/34/EU vad gäller offentliggörande av inkomstskatteuppgifter för vissa företag och filialer.

Med vänlig hälsning

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Here: all consultations with Swedish stakeholders on country-by-country reporting.

After the Commission proposal, the Swedish government writes a "fact PM", called other things in other countries. Often consults stakeholders.

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05/06/2019 End of procedure in Parliament

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<b>Procedure subtype</b>	Legislation
<b>Legislative instrument</b>	Directive
<b>Legal basis</b>	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 192-p1; Rules of Procedure EP 59-p4
<b>Mandatory consultation of other institutions</b>	<a href="#">European Economic and Social Committee</a> <a href="#">European Committee of the Regions</a>
<b>Stage reached in procedure</b>	Procedure completed
<b>Committee dossier</b>	ENVI/8/13273

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21/09/2021

> [Directive \(EU\) 2019/904 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment](#) 

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05/06/2019

> [DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ON THE REDUCTION OF THE IMPACT OF CERTAIN PLASTIC PRODUCTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT](#) 

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Institution: Council of the European Union  
 Session: 3692  
 Configuration: General Affairs  
 Item: 2018/0172 (COD) (Document: 11/19)  
 Voting Rule: qualified majority  
 Subject: Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment (First reading)

Vote	Members	Population (%)
Yes	27	98,09%
No	0	0%
Abstain	1	1,91%
Not participating	0	
Total	28	

Sitting date: 21/05/2019

Final result



Member State	Weighting	Vote	Member State	Weighting	Vote
BELGIQUE/BELGIË	2,22		LIETUVA	0,55	
БЪЛГАРИЯ	1,37		LUXEMBOURG	0,12	
Ceská REPUBLIKA	2,04		MAGYARORSZÁG	1,91	
DANMARK	1,13		MALTA	0,09	
DEUTSCHLAND	19,12		NEDERLAND	3,37	
EESTI	0,26		ÖSTERREICH	1,71	
ÉIRE/IRELAND	0,94		POLSKA	7,40	
ΕΛΛΑΔΑ	2,09		PORTUGAL	2,00	
ESPAÑA	9,09		ROMÂNIA	3,80	
FRANCE	13,10		SLOVENIJA	0,40	
HRVATSKA	0,80		SLOVENSKO	1,06	
ITALIA	11,92		SUOMI/FINLAND	1,07	
ΚΥΠΡΟΣ	0,17		SVERIGE	1,98	
LATVIJA	0,38		UNITED KINGDOM	12,91	

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2. Go to Legislative Observatory. Find the interinstitutional file number. Find the date when it was voted in the Council.
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4. Choose document called voting results.  
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- How did the MEPs vote?
- The EP position, the final deal.
- Amendments, specific points, final report.
- Vote with raise of hands, electronically, roll-call vote.
- All legislative reports = roll-call vote
- The juiciest stuff = roll-call vote

# Check how MEPs voted

- <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/plenary/en/texts-adopted.html>
- Search by date (find the date in Legislative observatory)
- In the upper right corner, it says "TA". Find the right file in the list of everything that was voted that day
- Note the name of the file – "text tabled" from upper left corner, eg. "B9-0432/2021"
- Open new browser window, search again by date.
- Now choose "PV" in upper right corner.
- On the bottom of the page there, open the "roll-call votes" pdf.
- Choose the right file, eg "B9-0432/2021".



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- ▶ Resources for the specific allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative \*\*\*I
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- ▶ European Regional Development Fund and Cohesion Fund \*\*\*I
- ▶ Emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles \*\*\*I
- ▶ Reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment \*\*\*I ←
- ▶ EU fertilising products \*\*\*I
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- ▶ Common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States \*\*\*I
- ▶ Disclosure of income tax information by certain undertakings and branches \*\*\*I
- ▶ Common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those \*\*\*I
- ▶ Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund
- ▶ Instrument for financial support for external borders and visa
- ▶ Genetically modified soybean MON 87751 (MON-87751-7)
- ▶ Genetically modified maize 1507 × NK603 (DAS-Ø15Ø7-1 × MON-ØØ6Ø3-6)
- ▶ Certain uses of bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) (DEZA a.s.)
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Reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment \*\*\*\*I

P8\_TA(2019)0305 A8-0317/2018

- Resolution
- Text

European Parliament legislative resolution of 27 March 2019 on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment (COM(2018)0340 – C8-0218/2018 – 2018/0172(COD))



(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2018)0340),
- having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 192(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C8-0218/2018),
- having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 17 October 2018<sup>(1)</sup>,
- having regard to the opinion of the Committee of the Regions of 10 October 2018<sup>(2)</sup>,
- having regard to the provisional agreement approved by the committee responsible under Rule 69(4) of its Rules of Procedure and the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 18 January 2019 to approve Parliament's position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 59 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and the opinions of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development and the Committee on Fisheries (A8-0317/2018),

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Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Rapporteur: **Frédérique Ries**

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**Amendment 1**

**Proposal for a directive**

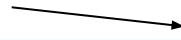
**Recital 1**

*Text proposed by the Commission*

(1) The high functionality and relatively low cost of plastic means that this material is increasingly ubiquitous in everyday life. Its growing use in short-lived applications, which are not designed for re-use or cost-effective recycling means that related production and consumption patterns have become increasingly inefficient and linear. Therefore, in the context of the Circular Economy Action Plan<sup>32</sup>, the Commission concluded in the European Strategy for Plastics<sup>33</sup> that the steady increase in plastic waste generation and its leakage into our environment, in particular into the marine environment, must be tackled in order to achieve a truly circular lifecycle for plastics.

*Amendment*

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- ▶ Resources for the specific allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative \*\*\*I
- ▶ General arrangements for excise duty (recast) \*
- ▶ Products eligible for exemption from or a reduction in dock dues \*
- ▶ Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument \*\*\*I
- ▶ Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA III) \*\*\*I
- ▶ Framework for the recovery and resolution of central counterparties \*\*\*I
- ▶ European Crowdfunding Service Providers (ECSP) for business \*\*\*I
- ▶ Markets in financial instruments: crowdfunding service providers \*\*\*I
- ▶ European Regional Development Fund and Cohesion Fund \*\*\*I
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- ▶ Reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment \*\*\*I
- ▶ EU fertilising products \*\*\*I
- ▶ Protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work \*\*\*I
- ▶ Common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States \*\*\*I
- ▶ Disclosure of income tax information by certain undertakings and branches \*\*\*I
- ▶ Common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those \*\*\*I
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- ▶ 18.3. Markets in financial instruments: crowdfunding service providers \*\*\*I (vote)
- ▶ 18.4. European Regional Development Fund and Cohesion Fund \*\*\*I (vote)
- ▶ 18.5. Emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles \*\*\*I (vote)
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- ▶ 18.9. Common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States \*\*\*I (vote)
- ▶ 18.10. Disclosure of income tax information by certain undertakings and branches \*\*\*I (vote)
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- ▶ 18.12. Objection pursuant to Rule 105(3): Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (vote)
- ▶ 18.13. Objection pursuant to Rule 105(3): Instrument for financial support for external borders and visa (vote)
- ▶ 18.14. Objection pursuant to Rule 106: Genetically modified soybean MON 87751 (MON-87751-7) (vote)
- ▶ 18.15. Objection pursuant to Rule 106: Genetically modified maize 1507 x NK603 (DAS-Ø15Ø7-1 x MON-ØØ6Ø3-6) (vote)
- ▶ 18.16. Objection pursuant to Rule 106: Certain uses of bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) (DEZA a.s.) (vote)
- ▶ 18.17. Objection pursuant to Rule 106: Certain uses of bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) (Grupa Azoty Zakłady Azotowe Kędzierzyn S.A.) (vote)
- ▶ 18.18. Objection pursuant to Rule 106: Certain uses of chromium trioxide (vote)
- ▶ 18.19. Post-Arab Spring: way forward for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region (vote)
- ▶ 19. Explanations of vote
- ▶ 20. Corrections to votes and voting intentions
- ▶ 21. Listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (Kosovo) \*\*\*I (debate)
- ▶ 22. Estimates of revenue and expenditure for the financial year 2020 – Section I – European Parliament (debate)
- ▶ 23. Quality of water intended for human consumption \*\*\*I (debate)
- ▶ 24. Interoperability between EU information systems in the field of police and judicial cooperation, asylum and migration \*\*\*I - Interoperability between EU information systems in the field of borders and visa \*\*\*I (debate)
- ▶ 25. Increasing the efficiency of restructuring, insolvency and discharge procedures \*\*\*I (debate)
- ▶ 26. Exercise of copyright and related rights applicable to certain online transmissions and retransmissions of television and radio programmes \*\*\*I (debate)
- ▶ 27. Decision establishing a European Peace Facility (debate)
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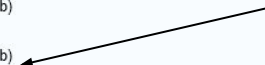
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- ECR:** Bashir, Belder, Campbell Bannerman, Czarnecki, Czesak, van Dalen, Dalton, Demesmaeker, Dzhambazki, Fitto, Flack, Foster, Fotyga, Fox, Gosiewska, Hannan, Hoc, Jurek, Kamall, Karim, Karski, Kłosowski, Krupa, Kuźmiuk, Leontini, Lucke, McClarkin, McIntyre, Macovei, Matthews, Maullu, Mobarik, Nicholson, Ožóg, Packet, Piecha, Piotrowski, Poręba, Ruohonen-Lerner, Saryusz-Wolski, Sernagiotto, Škripek, Stevens, Swinburne, Tannock, Tomašić, Van Bossuyt, Van Orden, Wiśniewska, Zile, Žitňanská, Zlotowski
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Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment (COM(2018)0340 – C8-0218/2018 – 2018/0172(COD))

Date of the trilogue: 28.11.2018

**Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety –  
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