



The European Union

what is it and how does it work?



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European
Commission



The European Union in 5 minute

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THE COMMISSION



6 Commission priorities for 2019-24

[A European Green Deal file:///file/id=6571367.12903122472](file:///file/id=6571367.12903122472)

Europe aims to be the first climate-neutral continent by becoming a modern, resource-efficient economy.

[A Europe fit for the digital age](#)

The EU's digital strategy will empower people with a new generation of technologies.

[An economy that works for people](#)

The EU must create a more attractive investment environment, and growth that creates quality jobs, especially for young people and small businesses.

[A stronger Europe in the world](#)

The EU will strengthen its voice in the world by championing multilateralism and a rules-based global order.

[Promoting our European way of life](#)

Europe must protect the rule of law if it is to stand up for justice and the EU's core values.

[A new push for European democracy](#)

We need to give Europeans a bigger say and protect our democracy from external interference such as disinformation and online hate messages.

Recovery plan for Europe

Leading the way out of the crisis and building a greener, more digital and more resilient Europe.

THE PARLIAMENT

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/portal/e>



President Roberta Metsola

President is elected for a renewable two and a half years, meaning half a Parliamentary term

705 MEPs

The European Parliament is made up of 705 Members, who are directly elected.

Search for your MEP



> Go to the website

27 Committees

MEPs participate in committees to prepare the work for Parliament's plenary sessions.

Select a committee



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7 Political groups

MEPs sit in political groups. They are not organised by nationality, but by political affiliation.

Select a political group

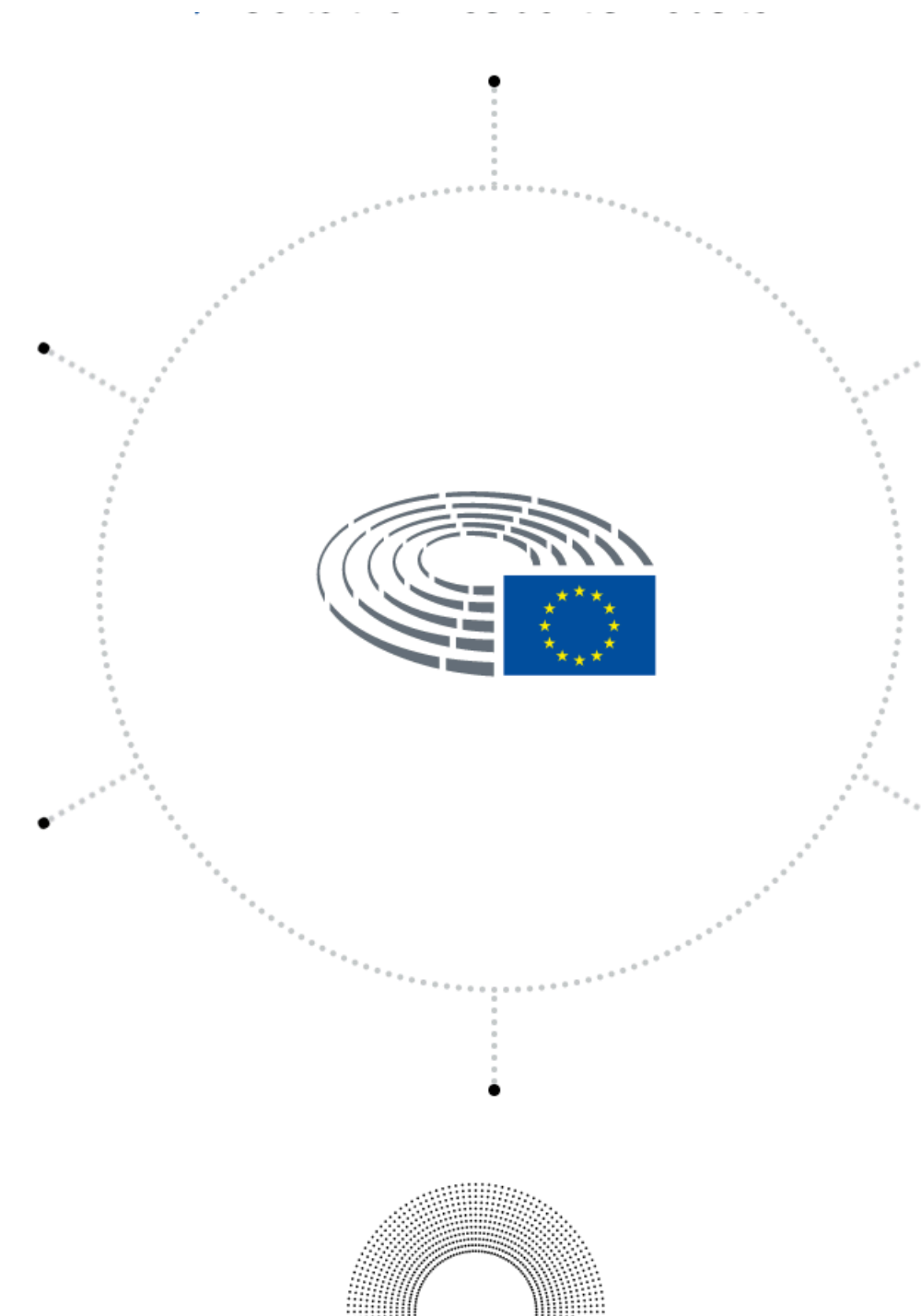
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45 Delegations

Parliament's delegations maintain relations and exchange information with parliaments in non-EU countries.

Select a delegation

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Plenary

During plenary sessions MEPs vote on European laws and take position on issues through debates.

HOW IT WORKS : VIDEO [https://www.bing.com/videos/search?](https://www.bing.com/videos/search?&q=EUROPEAN+PARLIAMENT&view=detail&mid=2FA5F44792640716344D2FA5F44792640716344D&FORM=VDQVAP&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3DEUROPEAN%2BPARLIAMENT%26FORM%3DHDRSC4&rvsmid=C03B0AA780C74486D283C03B0AA780C74486D283&ajaxhist=0)

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THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

https://european-union.europa.eu/institutions-law-budget/institutions-and-bodies/search-all-eu-institutions-and-bodies/european-council_en

The European Council is made up of the [heads of state or government of all EU countries](#), the European Council President, and the [European Commission President](#).

It is convened and chaired by its [President](#), who is elected by the European Council itself for a once-renewable **two-and-a-half-year term**.

Among other things, the President represents the EU to the **outside world**. The European Council defines the EU's overall political direction and priorities, traditionally by adopting conclusions. It does not negotiate or adopt EU laws.



Charles Michael, president



COUNCIL OF THE EU

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/council-eu/>



These institutions: the European Council, the Commission, the Court of Justice, and the Court of Auditors, have very different roles and membership, but they all share the same staff.

The President and the European Council define the EU's general political directions and priorities.

The Council, representing the member states' governments, is the main decision-making body. In the Council, it is where national ministers meet to discuss and coordinate policies.

•THE SPANISH PRESIDENCY'S PRIORITIES

- Reindustrialising the EU,
- making progress on ecological transition,
- social and economic justice
- strengthening European unity

•<https://spanish-presidency.consilium.europa.eu/en/>



COUNCIL OF EUROPE

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/>

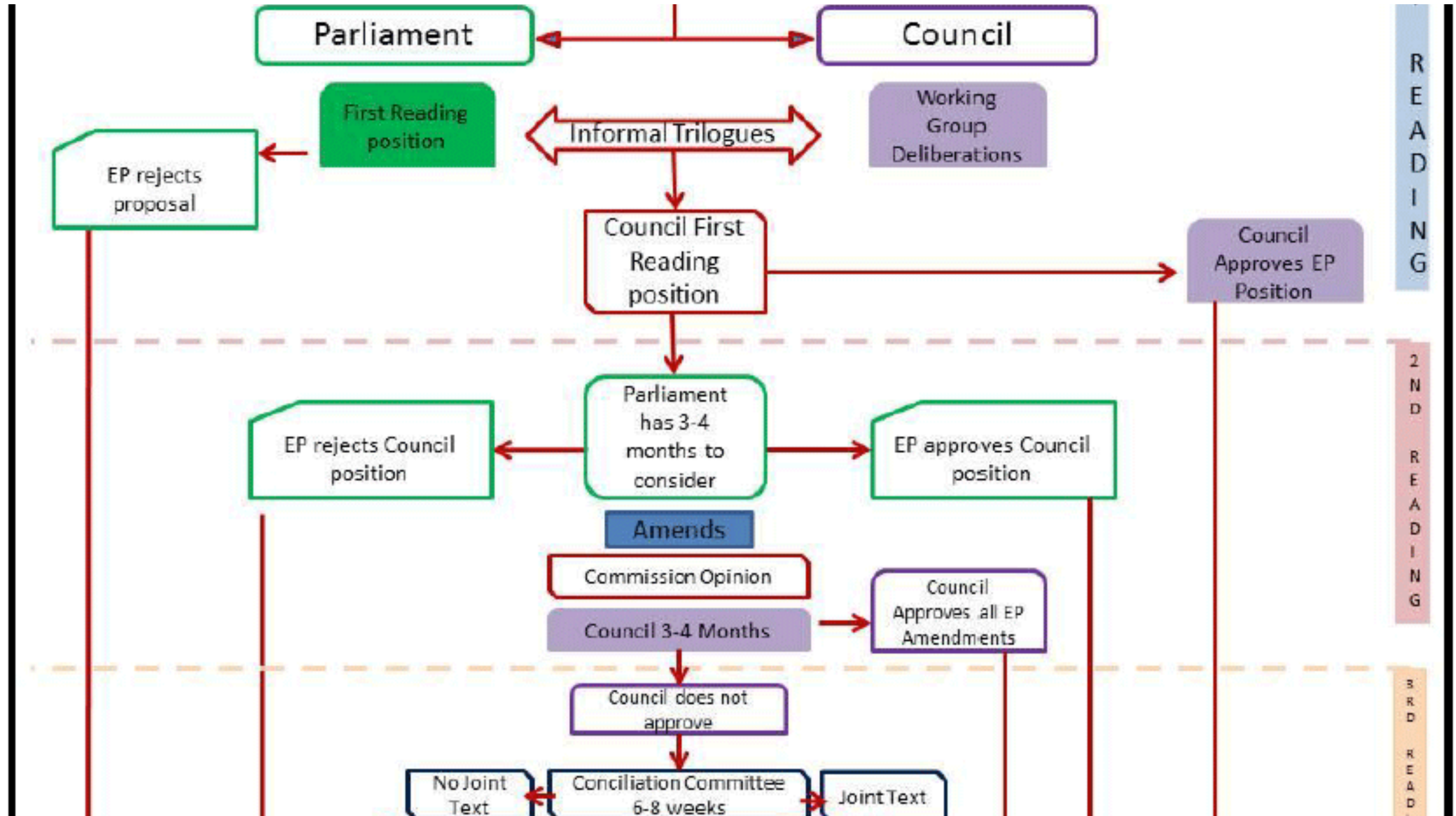
International organisation, based in Strasbourg, which was created in 1949 and now includes 46 European countries. Set up to promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law. Home to the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights, the Council of Europe treaty securing civil and political rights (not to be confused with [EU Charter of Fundamental Rights](#))

European Union legal text on human rights and fundamental freedoms, adopted in 2000. Largely based on the European Convention on Human Rights.



THE DECISION PROCESS

https://european-union.europa.eu/institutions-law-budget/law/how-eu-policy-decided_en



HAVE YOUR SAY

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say_en

EU statistics on income and living conditions - energy and environment (list of variables)

The European Large families Confederation (ELFAC) gathers 23 large families associations from 22 European countries. A large family is the family with 3 or more children. Although we represent only a little share of households, in our houses live a very large part of European children (around 1/3). So, it is very important that every research concerning income and living conditions takes into account households with more than the 1-2 children. There's very little literature on large families, they are almost invisible to statistics and sociologists (the first and last European research about large families, "Families and society", was conducted in 2013/2017), but we do exist and we do need to be counted so that our perspective and our needs can be taken into account. Let me also underline that there's a big difference between a 3 child households and a 5 or 10 one. They might be a statistically-not-relevant situations, but those 5, 10 or even 16 children have the same rights to be taken into account as any single child. It would be very important and interesting to see how living conditions change according to the number of children (any number, from 1 to ...) Thank you for your attention, we would be happy to cooperate through our network www.elfac.org

Initiatives (2889)

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CALL FOR EVIDENCE: OPEN

EU consumer programme - evaluation

Topic	Consumers
Type of act	Staff working document
Feedback period	07 August 2023 - 04 September 2023

DRAFT ACT: OPEN

EU statistics on income and living conditions - energy and environment (li

Topic	Statistics
Type of act	Delegated regulation
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