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# Common European Agricultural Policy

*History and aims (today)*



# History of the common policy

- Common policy between EU countries since 1962
- Initial purposes:
- Guarantee food supply for Member States
- Support farmers with agricultural subsidies
- Free exchange of goods
- The two main pillars:
- agricultural direct payments and rural development (since 1999)
- Process of changes, e.g. more liberalization
- Latest comprehensive reform in 2013

# Aims and focus today

- Protect farmers against price volatility and market crises
- Help farmers in modernising
- Support rural communities and maintaining jobs
- Greener farming practices
- Research and spread of knowledge
- Fair support system for farmers
- Stronger position for farmers in the food chain
- Inform consumers through EU quality-labelling schemes
- Increase productivity and reduce environmental impacts in farming
- Encourage fair trade relations with developing countries



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Bundesrepublik Deutschland  
bei der Europäischen Union

# How it's paid for

- The EU supports farmers with €58,82 billion in 2018.
- The money finances:
  - income support: €41,74 billion
  - rural development measures: €14,37 billion
  - market measures: €2,7 billion
  - Funding for farmers comes from the EU budget.
  - The overall budget for the EU amounts to €160,113 billion in 2018.
  - Share of CAP's support: 36,7 %



# EU and Ukraine

- How does the EU support Ukraine (food and agriculture)?
- Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA)
- Assistance in reaching EU standards in agricultural trade
- Improving sanitary and phytosanitary standards for food production
- Strengthening Import and Export



# Examples

## Examples for projects supporting reforms in the agricultural sector in Ukraine?

- Support to Agricultural and Food Policy Implementation (EU)
- Improvement of Food Safety Control System in Ukraine (EU)
- Support to the development of a geographical indications system in Ukraine (EU)
- Approximation of Ukrainian legislation with the EU in the field of plant protection products and plant health (EU-Twinning)
- The German-Ukrainian Agricultural Policy Dialogue (Germany)
- Advising Ukraine on Agricultural Trade Issues - within the DCFTA (Germany)
- German-Ukrainian cooperation on organic farming (Germany)



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# Tasks of the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Union

*Division for Food and Agriculture*



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# The European Union



- 28 Member States
- about 508 million inhabitants
- 24 official languages
  
- Fields of activity:
  - economy and competitiveness
  - foreign and security policy
  - information society
  - human rights
  - environment
  - etc.



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# The Permanent Representation



*„Intermediary between Germany  
and the EU institutions“*



*„Mirror image of the federal  
government at EU level“*

*„Part of EU legislation“*



# Organisation of the PermRep



**The Permanent Representative**  
Ambassador Michael Clauß → Spokesman in the COREPER 2

**The Deputy Permanent Representative**  
Susanne Szech-Koundouros → Spokeswoman in the COREPER 1



## Dep. POLITICS

- Foreign and security policy
- EU institutions
- Military policy
- Internal and legal policy
- Development policy
- Family, youth, seniors and women's issues
- Press service

## Dep. ECONOMY

- Foreign Trade Policy
- Competitiveness
- Energy
- Competition + Structure policy
- Telecommunication and Mailing, Information Society
- Economic Law
- Environment

## Dept. FINANZEN

- Economic and Monetary Policy
- EU Budget, Anti-Fraud Financial Instruments, Rules and Regulations
- EU Taxes Issues
- EU-Customs Matters
- Financial Aspects of other EU-Policy Fields
- Division of Financial Services

## **Divison FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

division Traffic/  
Transportation

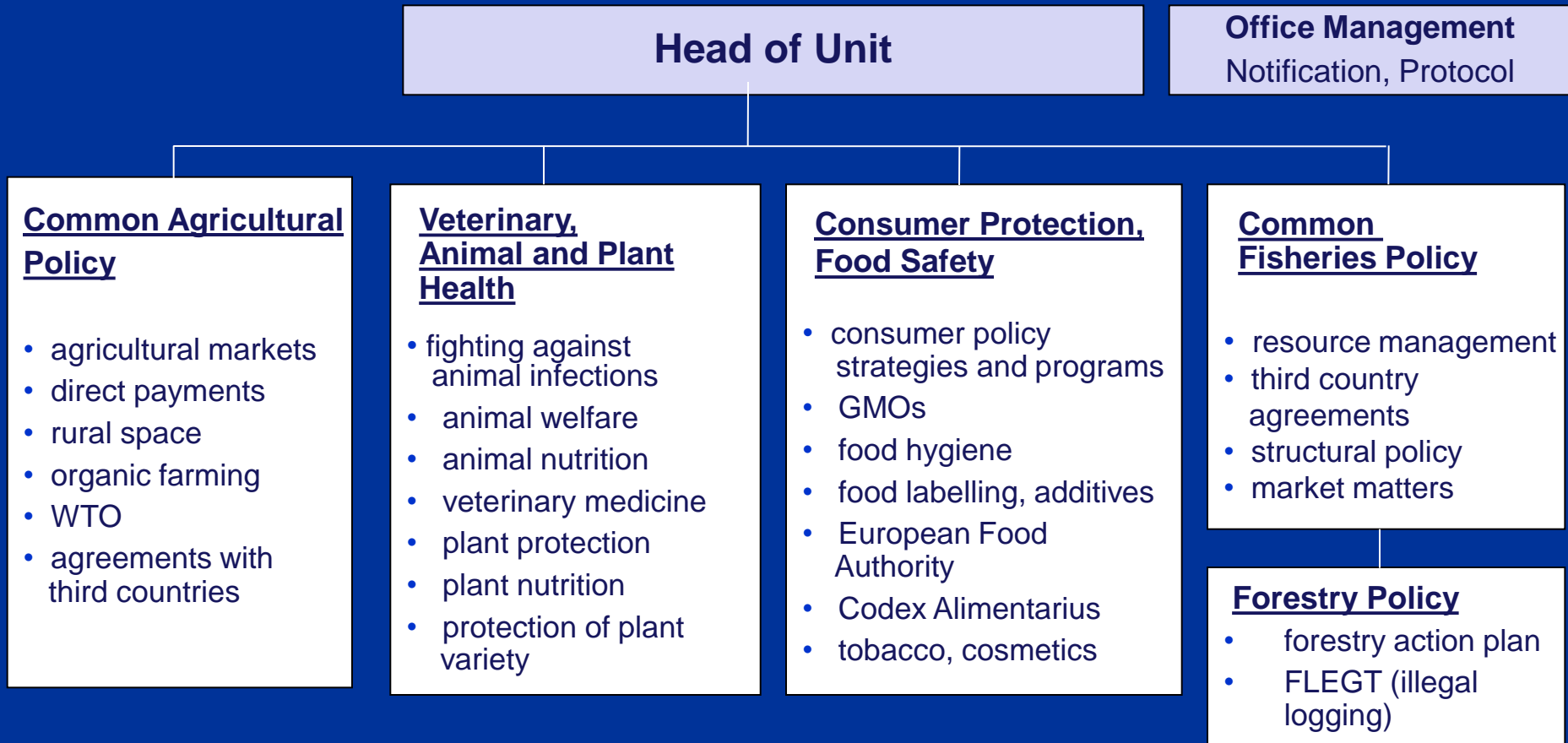
division Labour  
and Social Affairs

divison Health

division Education  
and Research



# Policy Areas of Dep. Food and Agriculture





# Tasks of the PermRep

- Representation of German interests towards EU institutions
- Participation in the opinion-forming process
- Preparation of decisions in the Council of Ministers
- Reporting
- Early warning function
- Press and public relations



# Double Role of the PermRep

## at the EU-level

- represents German positions in the Council Committees
- promotes understanding of other MS
- seeks allies in order to achieve German requests

## at the national level

- communicates requests of the Commission, the EU Parliament and other MS
- promotes understanding for positions of others
- prepares compromises

## Compromise

- corresponds to German requests
- acceptable for the Commission, the EU Parliament and other MS
  - finds qualified majority



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# Lawmaking in the EU – the „institutional triangle“ –



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European  
Commission



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JUNCKER**

PRESIDENT



**FRANS  
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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT  
*Better Regulation, Interinstitutional Relations,  
Rule of Law and the Charter of Fundamental Rights*



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MOGHERINI**

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HIGH REPRESENTATIVE  
*of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy*



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ANSIP**

VICE-PRESIDENT  
*Digital Single Market*



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ŠEFCOVIČ**

VICE-PRESIDENT  
*Energy Union*



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*Euro and Social Dialogue  
Financial Stability,  
Financial Services  
and Capital Markets Union*



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VICE-PRESIDENT  
*Jobs, Growth, Investment  
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*Budget &  
Human Resources*



**JOHANNES  
HAHN**

*European Neighbourhood  
Policy and Enlargement  
Negotiations*



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Cooperation  
and Development*



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CAÑETE**

*Climate Action and  
Energy*



**KARMENU  
VELLA**

*Environment, Maritime  
Affairs and Fisheries*



**VYTENIS  
ANDRIUKAITIS**

*Health and Food Safety*



**DIMITRIS  
AVRAMOPOULOS**

*Migration, Home Affairs  
and Citizenship*



**MARIANNE  
THYSSEN**

*Employment,  
Social Affairs, Skills and  
Labour Mobility*



**PIERRE  
MOSCOVICI**

*Economic and Financial  
Affairs, Taxation and  
Customs*



**CHRISTOS  
STYLIANIDES**

*Humanitarian Aid  
and Crisis Management*



**PHIL  
HOGAN**

*Agriculture  
and Rural Development*



**VIOLETA  
BULC**

*Transport*



**ELŻBIETA  
BIENKOWSKA**

*Internal Market, Industry,  
Entrepreneurship and  
SMEs*



**VĚRA  
JOUROVÁ**

*Justice, Consumers  
and Gender Equality*



**TIBOR  
NAVRACSIKS**

*Education, Culture, Youth  
and Sport*



**CORINA  
CREȚU**

*Regional Policy*



**MARGRETHE  
VESTAGER**

*Competition*



**CARLOS  
MOEDAS**

*Research, Science  
and Innovation*



**JULIAN  
KING**

*Security Union*



**MARIYA  
GABRIEL**

*Digital Economy  
and Society*

European Commission 2014-19

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# Members of the Commission



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Agriculture and Rural Development  
DG AGRI



**Karmenu Vella**

Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries  
DG ENV, DG MARE



**Vytenis Andriukaitis**

Health and Food Safety  
DG SANTE



# Keywords concerning the work

- genetically modified organisms
- future of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)
- novel food
- food information
- financial framework 2014-2020
- HLG competitiveness (Tajani)
- quality policy, marketing standards
- adjustments to the Lisbon Treaty
- report and contractual relationship in the milk sector



# The Commission as Initiator

- **Initiative monopoly**
- **Development, implementation and monitoring of the application of acts (“executive”)**
- **Control of contract breach (“guardian” of European contracts)**
- **Administration of the EU Budget**
- **Representation of the EU towards third countries and international organizations**



# The Council of the EU

- **Council as the representation of Member States**
  - 10 council configurations according to policy fields
  - Rotating chairmanship every 6 months between Member States
- **Tasks**
  - Legislation
  - Coordination of Member States' policies
  - Conclusion of international agreements on behalf of the Union
  - Exercise of budgetary powers
  - Right of nomination for the COM-president





# The Council as Legislator – weighting of the votes –

Mitgliedstaaten	Stimmen	Bevölkerung [%] <sup>3</sup>
Germany	29	16,1
France	29	12,4
Italy	29	12,4
Spain	29	12,0
Poland	27	9,1
Romania	27	7,6
Netherlands	14	4,2
Greece	13	3,3
Portugal	12	2,2
Belgium	12	2,1
Czech Republic	12	2,2
Hungary	12	2,1
Sweden	12	2,0
Bulgaria	10	1,9
Austria	10	1,4
Denmark	10	1,7
Slovakia	7	1,1
Finland	7	1,1
Ireland	7	1,1
Lithuania	7	0,9
Latvia	7	0,6
Slovenia	4	0,4
Estonia	4	0,3
Cyprus	4	0,2
Luxembourg	4	0,1
Malta	3	0,1
Croatia	7	0,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>580 Mio. (100%)</b>
<b>Qualified Majority</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>62,0</b>
<b>Blocking Majority</b>	<b>93</b>	

## Voting rules after „Lisbon“: Double Majority (since 01/01/2014)

- at least 55 % of the MS (15)
- at least 65 % of the population

## Blocking Majority:

at least 4 MS have to be against the adoption of the proposal

## Voting rules after „Nice“ if requested by a Member State (until March 2017)

- more than 74% of the votes = 260
- more than 14 MS
- on request consideration if at least 62% of the population is represented



# The Council as a Legislator – legal bases –

## Legal bases Agricultural Policy, Fisheries Policy and Consumer Policy according to the Lisbon Treaty (TFEU)

### Art. 114

Realisation of the  
**internal markets**  
(e.g. Food Authority,  
import ban on dog  
and cat fur)

### Art. 168

**Health Policy**  
(paragraph 4b  
specifically for  
veterinary and  
plant protection)

### Art. 192

**Environmental  
Policy**  
(plant protec-  
ting products)

### Art. 207

**Common  
Commercial Policy**  
(e.g. WTO-  
agreements)

### Art. 43 § 2

**Common  
Agricultural and  
Fisheries Policy**

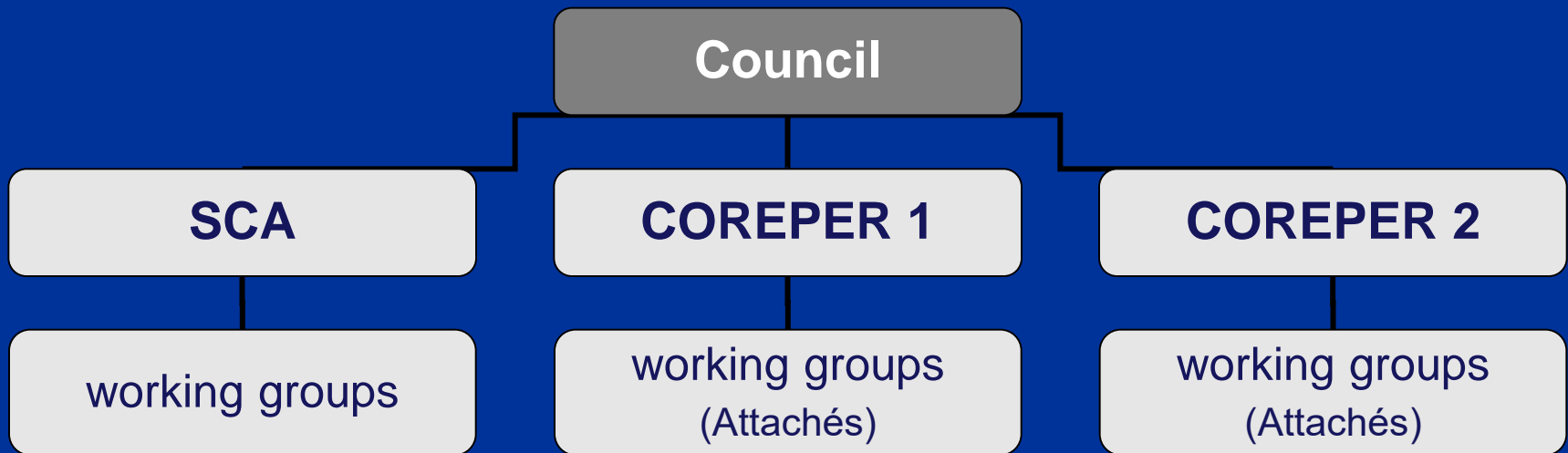
Art. 43 § 3  
prices, quantities  
catch quotas

**proper legislation process  
= co-decision of the EU Parliament**

**Council Decision**

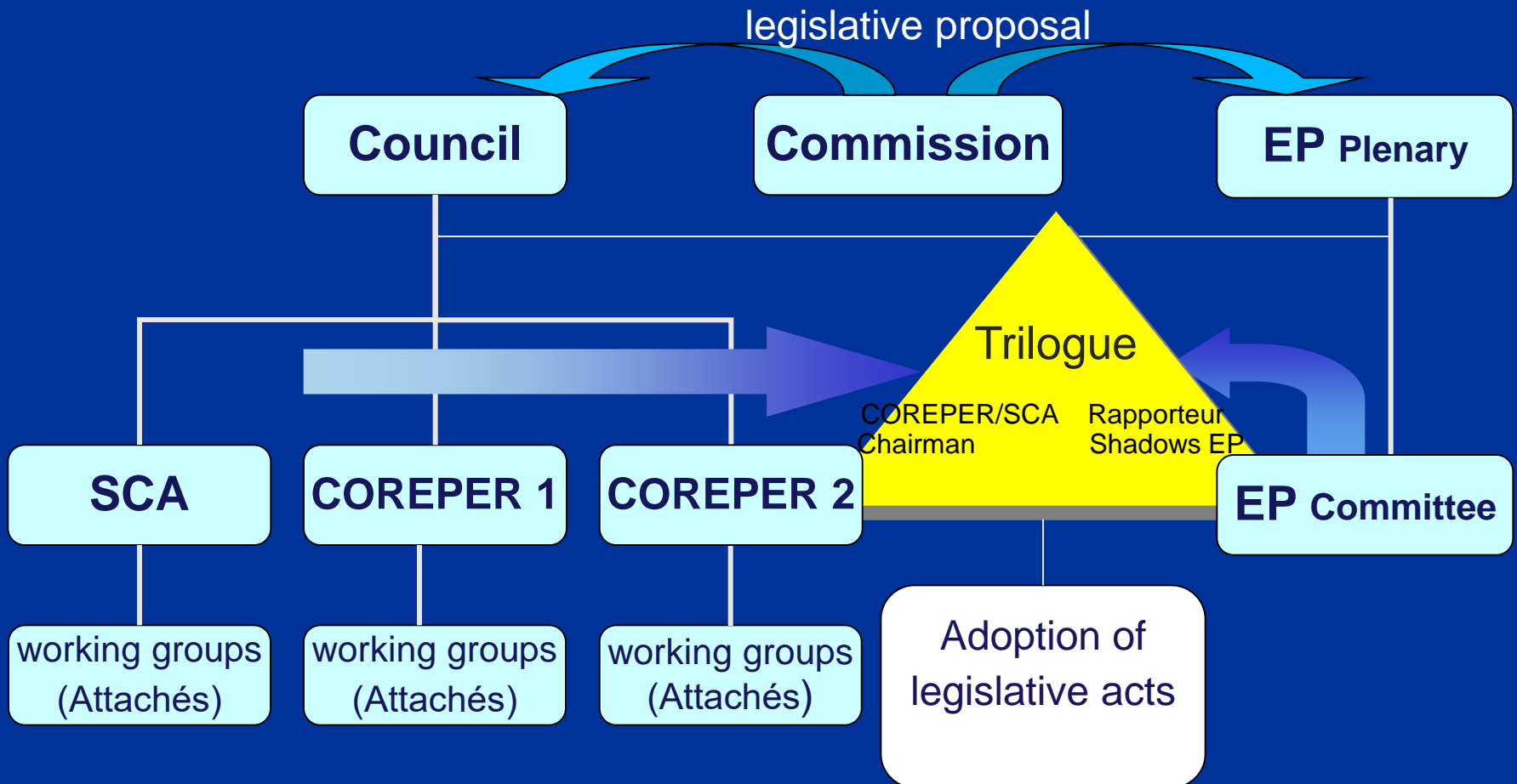


# The Council as Legislator – decision-making process –





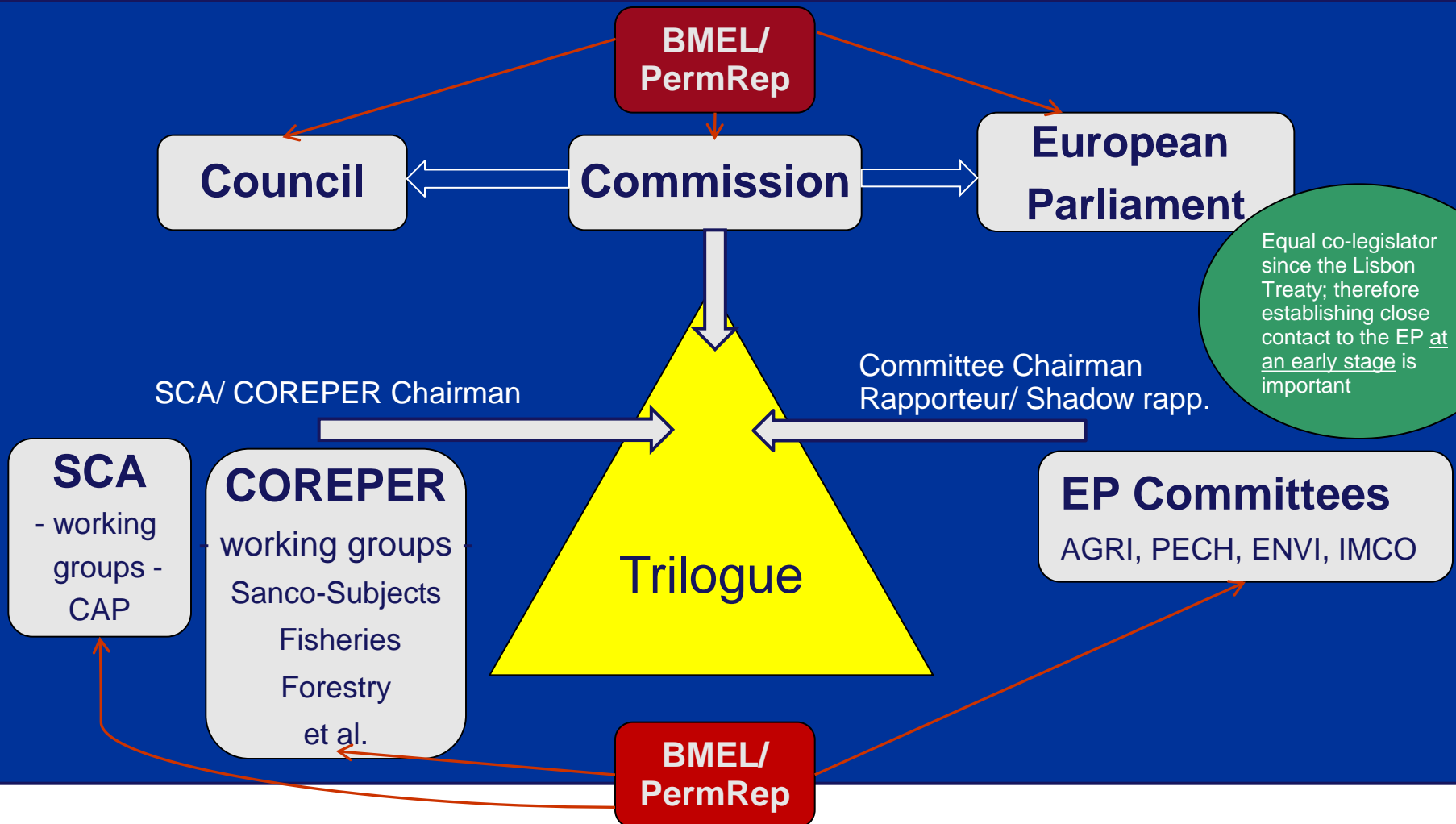
# Proper Legislation Process – Co-Decision –







# Scope of Action for BMEL and PermRep in Brussels concerning EU legislation





# EU Presidency – Succession –

- Presidency of the Council: 6 months („Trio Presidency“)
- Principle of Uniformity: all areas and all levels
- Germany  
1st term 2007;  
next term:  
2nd term 2020

2007	D, P		2014	GR, I
2008	SLO, F		2015	LV, L
2009	CZ, S		2016	NL, SK
2010	E, B		2017	M, EST
2011	H, PL		2018	BG, A
2012	DK, CY		2019	RO, FIN
2013	IRL, LT		<b>2020</b>	<b>HR, (D)</b>



## European Parliament – AGRI Committee –

- 45 members and 44 substitutes
- Chairmanship Czeslaw Adam SIEKIERSKI (POL/EPVP)
- DEU: 5 members + 5 substitutes
- Dess, Häusling, Jahr, Müller, Noichl, Eck, Gieseke, Heubuch, Lins, Melior



# Budget of the European Union 2014-2020



Note: Commitments; adjusted for 2018  
Source: European Commission



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# Seating Plan in Council under AUT- Presidency

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(AUT)

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