

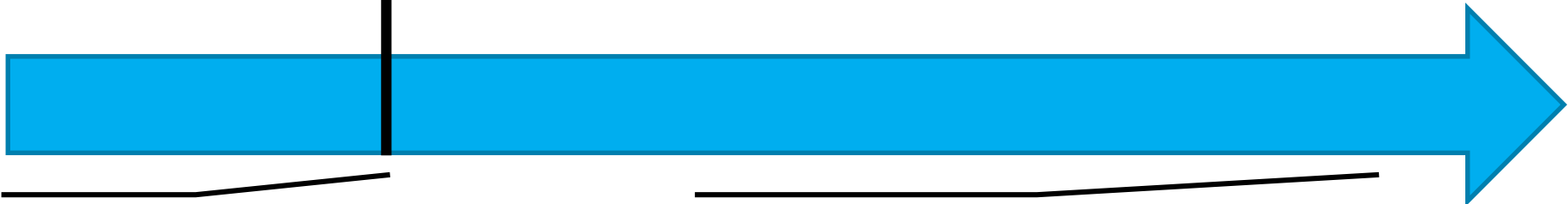
ROLE OF NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN EU POLICY MAKING

**3 NOVEMBER 2016
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EU CO-DECISION PROCESS

20 July: proposal
was out

- Consideration of the draft report: 23/24 January 2017
- Deadline for amendments: 1 February 2017
- Consideration of amendments: 27/28 February 2017
- ENVI vote 29/30 May 2017



Target: EC

- Clima
- SecGen
- Move
- Agri
- VPs

Target: European Parliament
and Member States

EP:

- Rapporteur & shadows
- Committee & competences

MS:

- Situation & position
- Negotiation & trade-offs
- Key asks

YOUR ROLE



Organisations at national level play a key role, as member state representatives (both government and parliamentarians) are the negotiators on this phase.

INFLUENCING EP

- WHO?
 - Your “friends”: MEP(s) of your region/constituency
 - Rapporteur & shadows (of each committee involved – focus on leaders)
- HOW?
 - Know their historical position
 - Internal politics (political group, constituency)
 - Understand country-specific asks
 - Offer help/support
- WHEN?
 - (Early education before proposal)
 - ★ • During readings

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| 215 | 189 | 74 | 70 | 52 | 50 | 46 | 39 | 16 | 751 |

INFLUENCING COUNCIL

Very opaque body!

- WHO?
 - PermReps in Brussels (relevant attachés)
 - National experts in MS
 - MS in presidency (rotating) has a especial role
- HOW?
 - Understanding their asks
 - Adapting to “audience”: which ministry are you talking to?
 - Understanding political strategies (who supports who; who can block...)
 - Offer help
- WHEN?
 - (Before proposal: early education, not too technical)
 - MS: (before proposal)
 - When negotiating positions during readings & negotiations

Qualified majority: 16/28
MS representing 65%
EU population.



BUILDING COALITION

- Important to build capacity at national level
- Network!
- Like-minded NGOs and private sector actors, too
- Stronger messages
- Media presence



IDEAS FOR ACTIONS

Your ideas are welcome!

- Capacity building events/workshops

Like this one!

- Media coverage

Exposing what government officials are discussing

- Direct advocacy

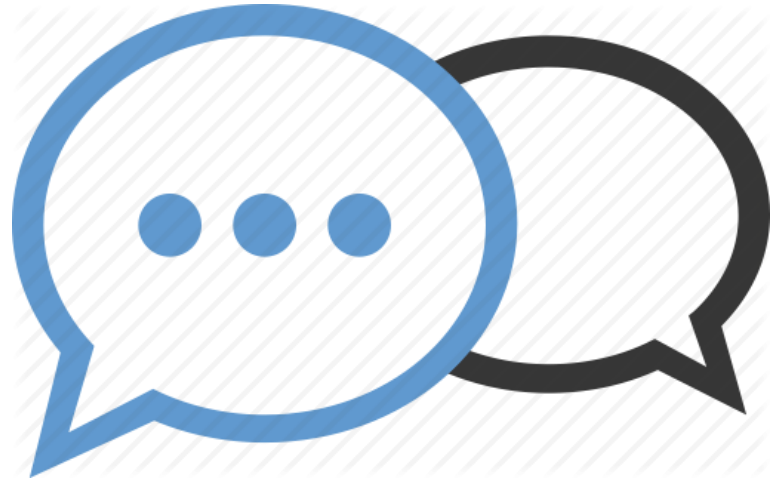
1:1 meetings

“educational” workshops to policy makers

Letters to ministries and MEPs ahead of important moments

Questions?

Ideas?



Experiences?