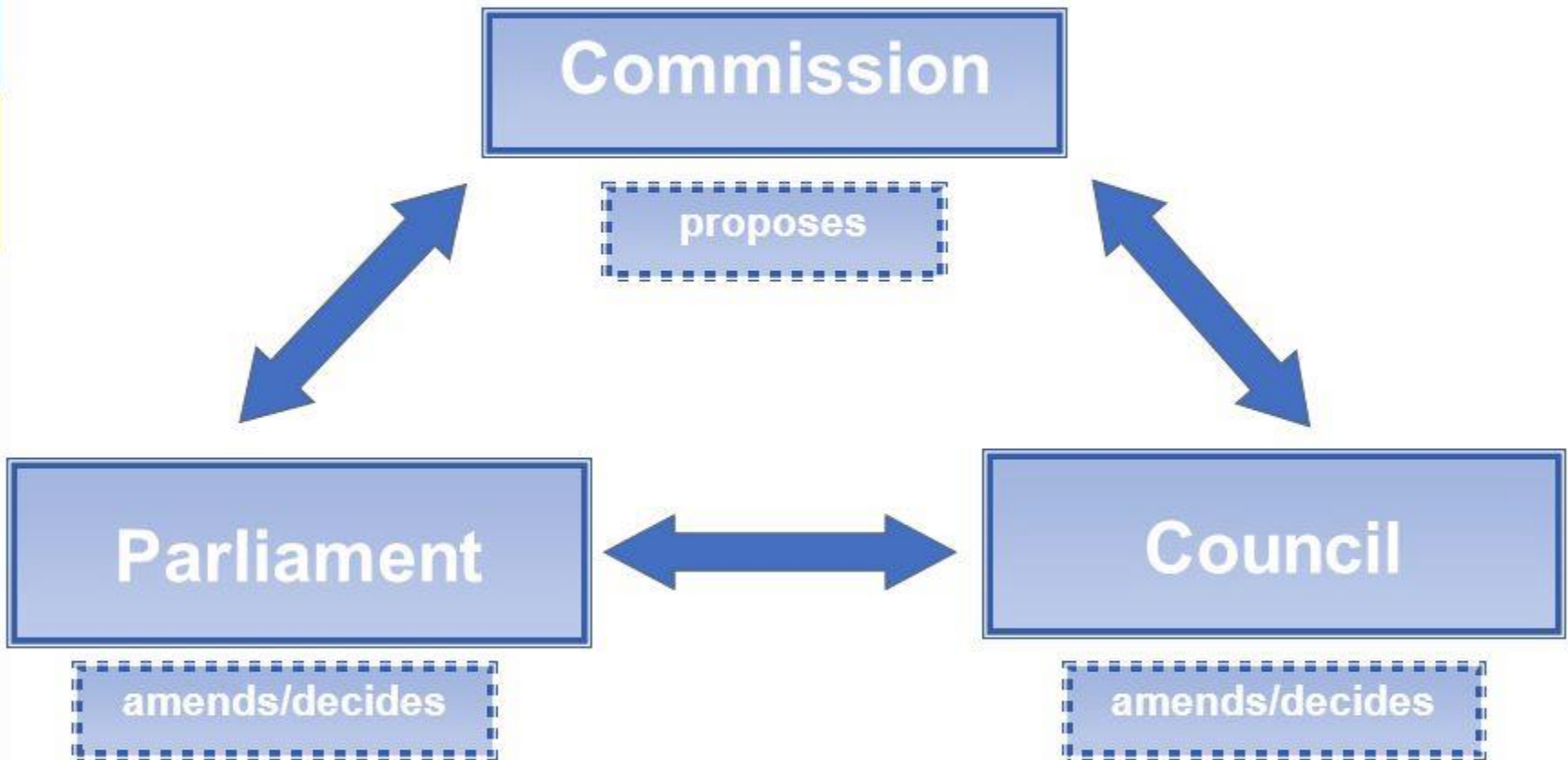


# EU DECISION MAKING



# EU Institutions and balance of power



Commission announces a proposal  
(new/revision) for a certain date

Proposal is issued

Influence target: EC.

Rapporteur in EP! (& shadows, opinions...)

1st Reading:  
no deadline

Influence target

European Parliament

Council (& member states)

Agreement?

*If yes*

Text is voted in EP plenary & legislation adopted

2nd  
Reading:  
3(+1)  
months

Influence target

European Parliament

Council (& member states)

Agreement?

*If yes*

Text is voted in EP plenary & legislation adopted

6 (8)  
weeks

Conciliation  
committee

Influence target

European Parliament

Council (& member states)

6 weeks

Proposal is adopted(or rejected!)

# KEY DATES ESR

- Publication of the proposal: 20 July 2016
- EP
  - Vote in ENVI committee: 29/30 May
  - Vote in Plenary - TBC (somewhere in July or after summer?)
- Council
  - “General approach”: 19 June

# INFLUENCING COMMISSION

- WHO?
  - Find out DGs involved.
  - Rely on “friends”
  - Officer level and high level (HoU, DGs, Cabinets, Commissioner)
- HOW?
  - Key asks
  - Evidences; facts
  - Adapting to our audience
  - 1:1 meetings, public consultations & stakeholder groups
- WHEN?
  - While proposal is in preparation



# INFLUENCING EP

- WHO
  - Friends/usual suspects.
  - Rapporteur & shadows (of each committee involved – focus on leaders)
- HOW?
  - Know their preferences, historical positions/files
  - Internal politics
  - Learn country-specific asks
  - Offer help/support
- WHEN?
  - Early education before proposal
  - When file is to be allocated
  - During readings

									<b>TOTAL</b>
215	189	74	70	52	50	46	39	16	<b>751</b>

# INFLUENCING COUNCIL

*Very opaque body!*

- WHO?
  - All MS *should* be tackled. But after we need to cherry-pick: influential, numerous, progressive.
  - PermReps in Brussels (relevant attachés)
  - National experts in MS
  - MS in presidency (rotating) → working plan
- HOW?
  - Learn national situation & understanding their asks
  - Adapting to audience
  - Understanding political strategies (who supports who; who can block...)
- WHEN?
  - Before proposal: early education, not too technical
  - MS: before proposal, when negotiating position
  - During readings

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

