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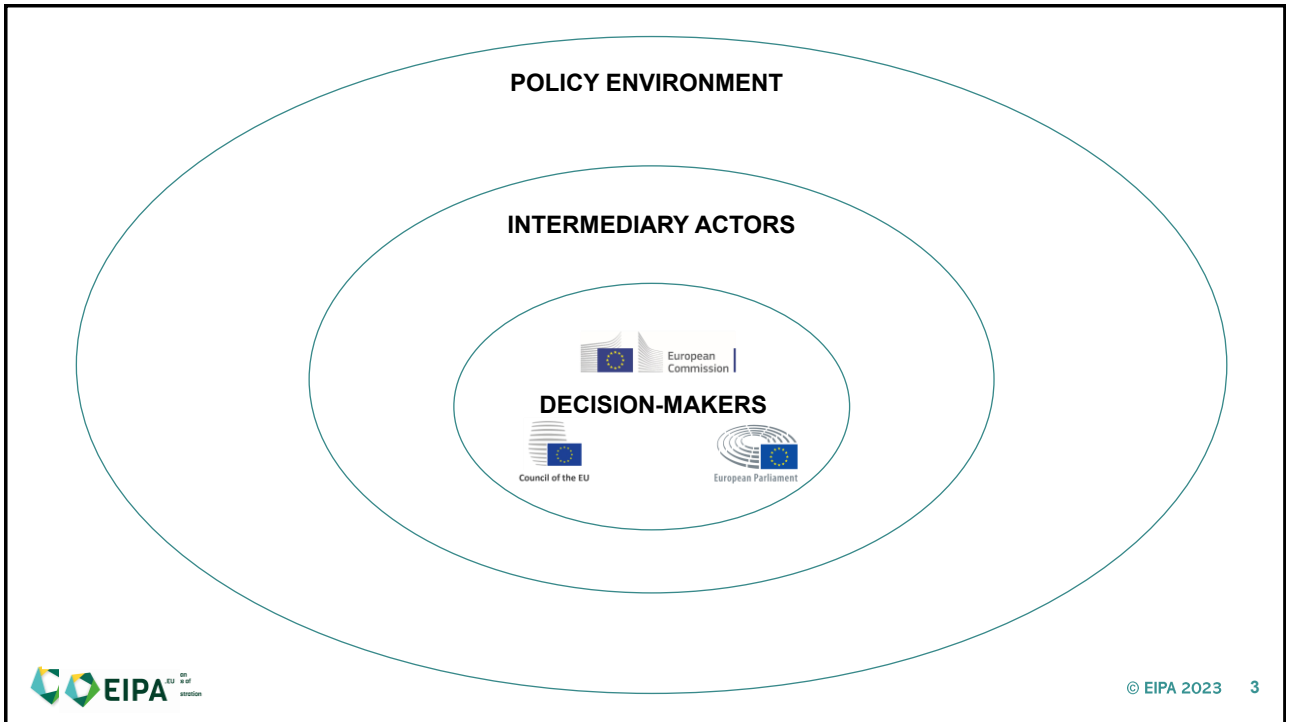
Perspectives

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Day 1 - 4. How can non-EU countries contribute to EU decision-making?

- **Knowing the system**
 - Whom to approach
 - When to approach
- **Setting clear priorities**
 - Define national interest
 - Prioritisation is key
- **Working together**
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 - Connect with other third countries
 - Engage with civil society
- **Building relationships**

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Day 1 - 3. How can third countries contribute to EU decision-making?

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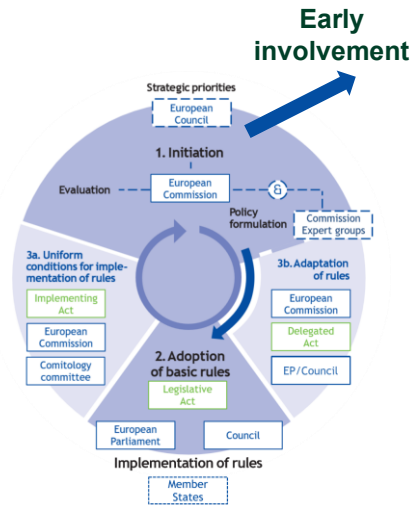
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about creating the enabling conditions

Early involvement with the Commission

- Be aware of the relevant files
- Know who the Commission policy officer is
- Feed into public consultation and the policy environment



Shaping the agenda: early stages for external contributions

Commission Expert Groups

Commission online consultations

Commission-organised stakeholder workshops/conferences

Activities organised by

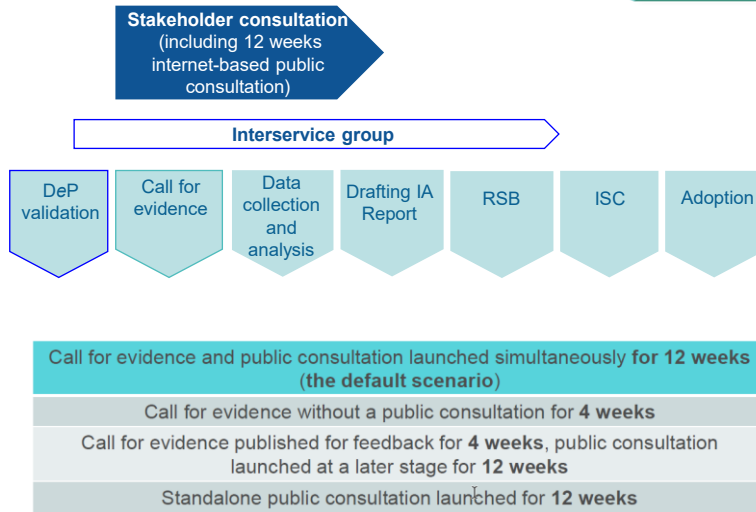
- European Economic and Social Committee
- interest associations
- international organisations

Direct contacts with Commission officials



- the preparation of **legislative proposals** and policy initiatives;
- the preparation of **delegated acts**;
- the **implementation** of EU legislation, programmes and policies, including coordination and cooperation with EU Member States and stakeholders in that regard;
- where necessary, the **early preparation of implementing acts**, before submission to the [comitology] committee.

Commission initiatives: call for evidence/consultation



Law

Published initiatives

Have your say > Published initiatives

DRAFT ACT: OPEN

Drug resistance – format for collecting data on antimicrobial medicines used on animals

Topic Food safety
Type of act Implementing regulation
Feedback period 23 November 2021 - 21 December 2021

PUBLIC CONSULTATION: OPEN

Bus and coach drivers – EU rules on driving and rest times

Topic Transport
Type of act Proposal for a regulation
Feedback period 23 November 2021 - 15 February 2022

CALL FOR EVIDENCE: OPEN PUBLIC CONSULTATION: OPEN

Mortgage credit – review of EU rules

Topic Banking and financial services
Type of act Proposal for a directive
Feedback period 22 November 2021 - 28 February 2022
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The screenshot shows the EIPA website's 'Published initiatives' page. It features a search bar and a list of three initiatives:

- Drug resistance** - Forum for collecting data on antimicrobial resistance used in animals
 - Type: Food safety
 - Type of call: Improving regulation
 - Feedback period: 23 November 2023 - 21 December 2023
- Risk and health threats** - EU rules on drinking and well-being
 - Type: Transport
 - Type of call: Proposed for a regulation
 - Feedback period: 23 November 2023 - 16 January 2024
- Mortgage credit** - review of EU rules
 - Type: Banking and financial services
 - Type of call: Proposed for a directive
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At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a URL: https://ec.europa.eu/eipa/activities/initiatives-and-publications_en

at least once or twice a week.

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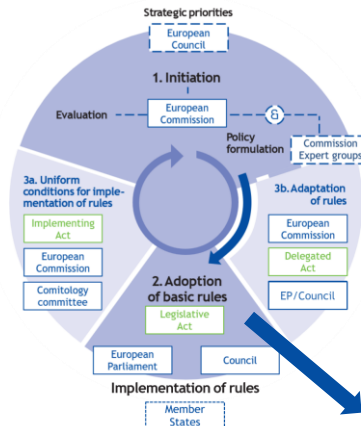
Timeframes for consultation and feedback

<i>Box 6. Timeframes for consultation and feedback</i>		
<i>Internet-based public consultation</i>	<i>How long?</i>	<i>When?</i>
Initiatives with impact assessment Evaluations and fitness checks, where relevant	minimum 12 weeks ⁶⁰	Decided case by case
Consultative communications Green papers		After adoption by Commission
<i>Stakeholders must be enabled to give feedback on:</i>		
'Calls for evidence' for impact assessments, fitness checks and evaluations (where relevant)	12 weeks ⁶¹	After publication
'Call for evidence' documents for initiatives, non-accompanied by a public consultation	4 weeks	After publication
Draft delegated acts ⁶²	4 weeks	After interservice consultation
Draft implementing acts	4 weeks	After interservice consultation and before Comitology Committee vote
Legislative proposals adopted by the College and, where applicable, the accompanying impact assessments	8 weeks	After adoption by Commission and publication of all language versions of the document

European Commission,
Better Regulation Guidelines
3 Nov. 2021, p.20

Contact with Council and Member States

- Know positions of members of relevant Working Parties
- Connect with like-minded MS
- Know the Council Secretariat
- Identify common interest with Presidency
- **Work with capitals**



Contact with individual MS

Contact with Council and Member States

Cooperation with the Council Presidency

- Identify common interest with Presidency
- Recognise role of Presidency

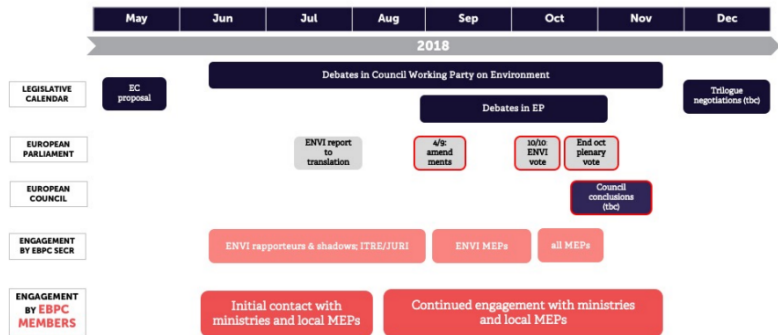
Cooperation Course Presidency

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A view from the lobby – SUP and the EBPC

https://partyworldwide.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/ebpc_engagement_toolkit_180619.pdf



Meeting targets and how to secure meetings

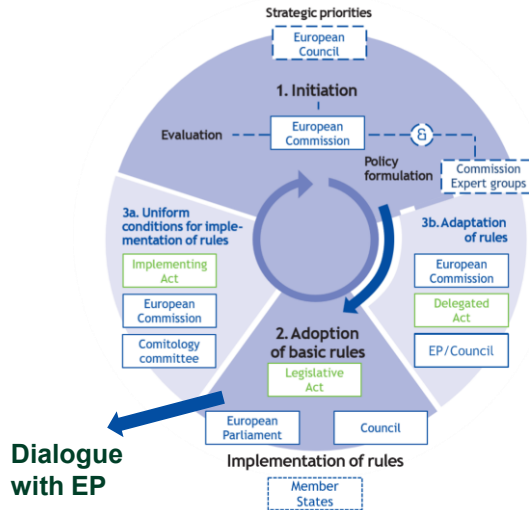
Member States

Relevance

The key decision-makers within the Council of Ministers sit in the responsible ministries back in the Member State capitals. The Brussels-based diplomats (so-called attachés) in the Permanent Representations mainly act as messengers for decisions taken by their ministries back home. To effectively shape your Member States' views and build support for EBPC's position, it is therefore of utmost importance to engage with the government officials in charge of the EU plastics strategy and SUP within the relevant ministry.

European Parliament

- Follow relevant committees
- Cultivate relationships early
- Know staffers at the Parliament



European Parliament

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How can I find out which internal actors are involved?

Eur-Lex Lawmaking Procedures

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html?locale=en>

Commission DG(s)/Expert Group (search by DG)

<https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/expert-groups-register/screen/home?lang=en>

Council Working Party

- which one = Register (text search)
- overview of preparatory bodies

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/documents-publications/public-register/>
<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/council-eu/preparatory-bodies/>

EP Committees, (Shadow) Rapporteurs

- Legislative Observatory

<https://oeil.secure.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/home/home.do>

The proposal for an EU Cyber Resilience Act (CRA)

Procedure 2022/0272/COD

COM (2022) 454: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on horizontal cybersecurity requirements for products with digital elements and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1020

Example, EP actors – cyber resilience (EC proposal Dec. 2022)



Committee responsible

Rapporteur

Appointed



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26/10/2022

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