The decision-making process in Europe

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THE DECISION – MAKING PROCESS IN EUROPE

COMMISSION

PARLIAMENT

CO-DECISION

COUNCIL
WHO IS WHO?

COMMISSION

- Formed by 27 Commissioners
- 33 Directorates – General
- Drafts and implements EU legislation

PARLIAMENT

- Two sites: Brussels and Strasbourg
- Formed by 754 MEPs and 20 Committees
- Only directly elected institution
- Approves EU legislation with the Council

COUNCIL

- Formed by Governments of the 27 EU countries
- Presidency moves among MS every 6 months

Lisbon Treaty gave the same weight to Parliament and Council on a wide range of areas: ENERGY, among others.
THE PROCESS – FIRST READING

COMMISSION
- drafts and publishes EU Legislation

First reading process starts at EU Parliament and Council

PARLIAMENT
- Responsible Committee appoints Rapporteur
- Rapporteur prepares draft report
- Draft report is discussed within political groups and amended
- Plenary adopts its position that may content amendments

COUNCIL
- Consideration of Commission proposal by COREPER
- If all amendments accepted, proposal is adopted by qualified majority
- If not....

Second reading process starts at EU Parliament and Council
THE PROCESS – SECOND READING

➤ PARLIAMENT
- Examines Council position in 3 months
- In that time, approves Report

➤ COUNCIL
- Accepts EU Parliament position and Proposal is adopted
- If not, CONCILIATION PROCEDURE
  - A CONCILIATION COMMITTEE is established
    - made up equal by EU Parliament and Council
    - Commission acts as mediator
EU LEGISLATION

➢ PRIMARY LEGISLATION

• TREATIES, basis or ground rules

➢ SECONDARY LEGISLATION

❖ BINDING

• REGULATION - binding legislative act. Must be applied in its entirety across EU
• DIRECTIVE - sets a goal that all EU countries must achieve, but Member States decide how
• DECISION - legislative act binding for Member State who is addressed

❖ NON BINDING

• RECOMMENDATION - allows Commission to make their views known and suggests a line of action
• OPINION - allows institutions to make a statement
THE DECISION-MAKERS

EUROPEAN COMMISSION (33 Directorates General)

- Directorate General for ENERGY – DG ENERGY
- Directorate General for HEALTH & CONSUMERS – DG SANCO
- Directorate General for INNOVATION & SOCIATY – DG INFSO
- Directorate General for RESEARCH – DG RESEARCH
- Directorate General for COMPETITION – DG COM
- Directorate General for CLIMA – DG CLIMA
- Directorate General for ENVIRONMENT – DG ENV
- Directorate General for TRANSPORT – DG MOVE
- Directorate General for REGIONS – DG REGIO
20 Committees: One or two meetings per month

- Committee for Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)
- Committee for Environment, Public Health & Food Safety (ENVI)
- Committee for Economics and Budgetary Affairs (ECO)

Chairman: Mr Lord Mogg

Working Groups

- Electricity
  - Demand response & Voltage quality
- Gas
- Customers and Retail Markets
  - Smart metering, Data management and Customer access to information
- Market Integrity and transparency
- International Strategy

- Not binding publications
- Public Consultations
- Guidelines of Good Practise, GGP
- Reports
- Events: Workshops, Hearings & Conferences
Site in Lubljana since 3 March 2011
- Regulatory body for cross – border issues
- Director: Mr Alberto Pototschnig

- Working Groups
  - Electricity
  - Gas
  - Implementation monitoring
  - Market Integrity and Transparency

- Framework Guidelines & Network Codes development
- REMIT implementation
- Regional Initiatives
President: Mr. Daniel Dobbeni

Secretary General: Mr. Konstantin Staschus

Main tasks

- Drafting of Network Codes
- Represents all electricity TSO in Europe

http://www.entsoe.eu
EUROPEAN NETWORK OF TRANSMISSION SYSTEM OPERATORS FOR GAS – ENTSO-G

http://www.entsog.eu

- **President**: Mr. Stephan Kampues
- **General Manager**: Mr. Vittorio Musazzi

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- Represents all Gas TSO in Europe

participates together with other DSOs associations in NC drafting process