

The European Parliament



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Visits and Seminars Unit

- Visits in all 24 EU languages
- > 41 000 visitors per month
- > Everyone has a right to learn about
- (and engage in!) EU democracy!



What is the European Union?



Peace and prosperity

- Second World War (1939 – 1945)
- Schuman declaration (1950)
- 6 countries establish the European Coal and Steel Community (1952)



EU Member States

- 1952
- 1973
- 1981
- 1986
- 1990
- 1995
- 2004
- 2007
- 2013
- 2020*
- Brexit



EU values (Art. 2 TUE)

- Human dignity
- Freedom
- Democracy
- Equality
- Rule of law
- Human rights



Functioning of the EU



Main EU Institutions



European
Parliament



Council of the
European Union



EU Leadership

- **Roberta Metsola,**
President of the European Parliament
- **Ursula von der Leyen**
President of the European Commission
- **Antonio Costa**
President of the European Council



Who does what?

Subsidiarity & Proportionality



Exclusive

Trade
Customs
Competition
Marine conservation
Monetary (Euro zone)



Shared

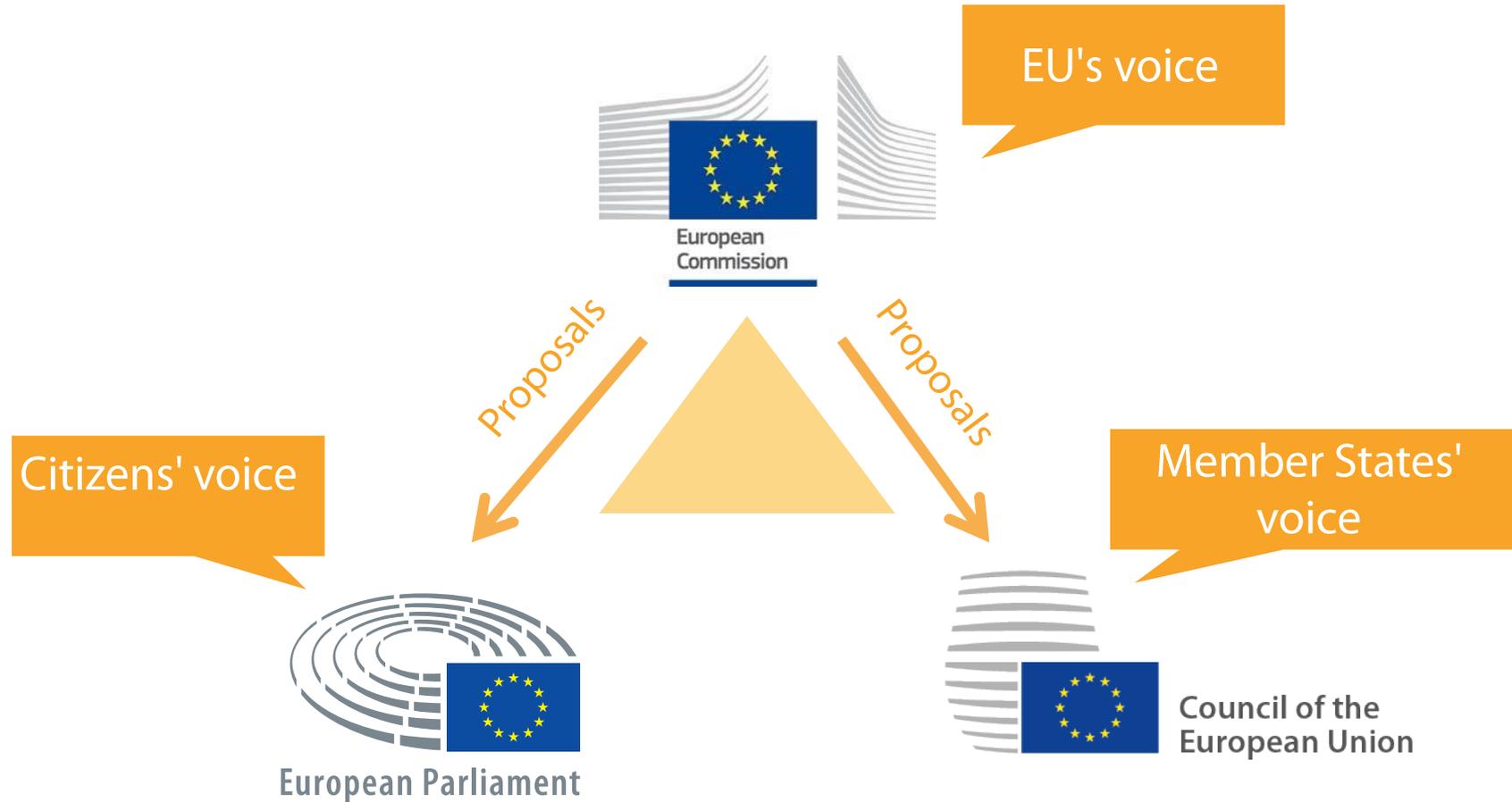
Agriculture
Energy
Research & Innovation
Environment
Transport
Consumer Protection
Freedom, security and justice



Supporting

Education
Social security
Human health
Culture
Tourism

EU decision making (ordinary legislative procedure)



**The EU
delivers on....**



Artificial intelligence



Clean cars



Deforestation



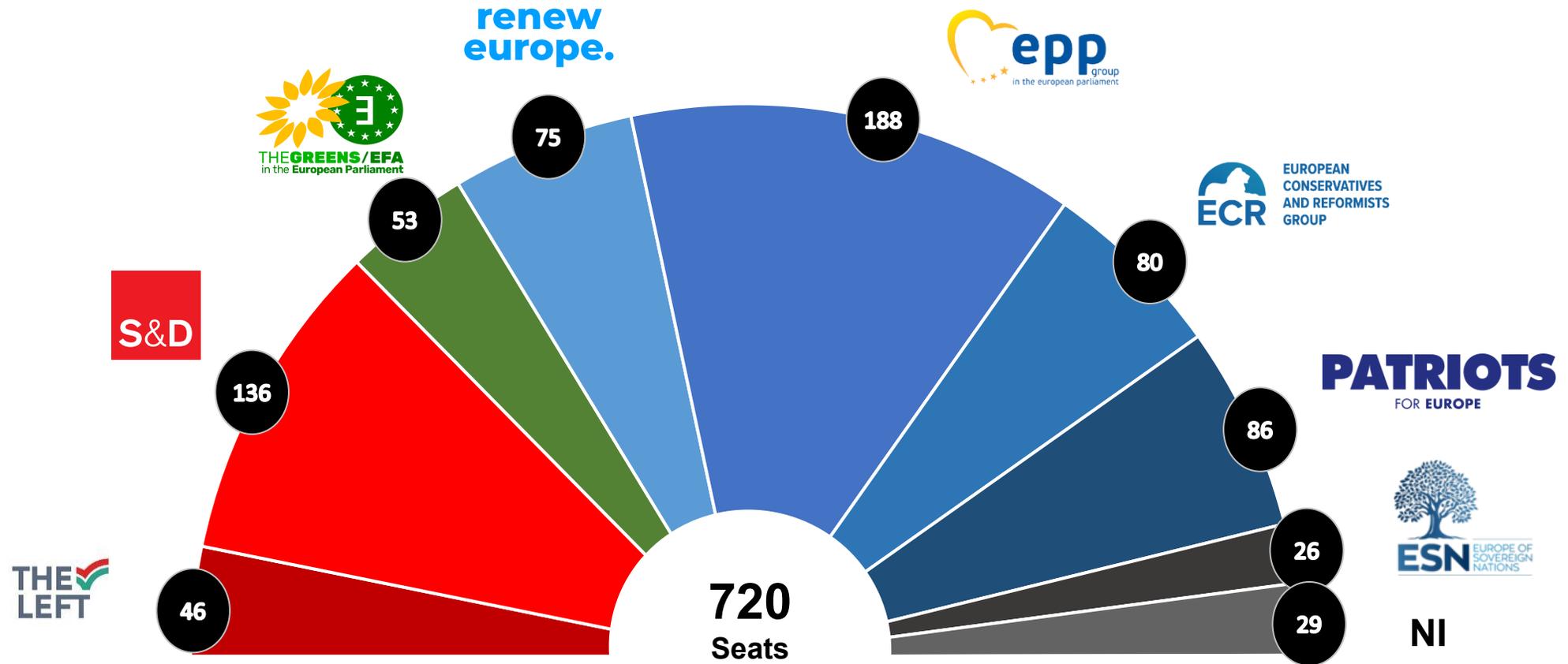
Inside the European Parliament



Number of seats in the parliament per member

96	 Germany	21	 Greece	14	 Ireland
81	 France	21	 Hungary	12	 Croatia
76	 Italy	21	 Portugal	11	 Lithuania
61	 Spain	21	 Sweden	9	 Latvia
53	 Poland	20	 Austria	9	 Slovenia
33	 Romania	17	 Bulgaria	7	 Estonia
31	 Netherlands	15	 Denmark	6	 Cyprus
22	 Belgium	15	 Finland	6	 Luxemburg
21	 Czech Republic	15	 Slovakia	6	 Malta

Political groups (2025)



Parliamentary committees



22 standing committees
 2 sub-committees

2 special committees
 0 committees of inquiry

MEPS

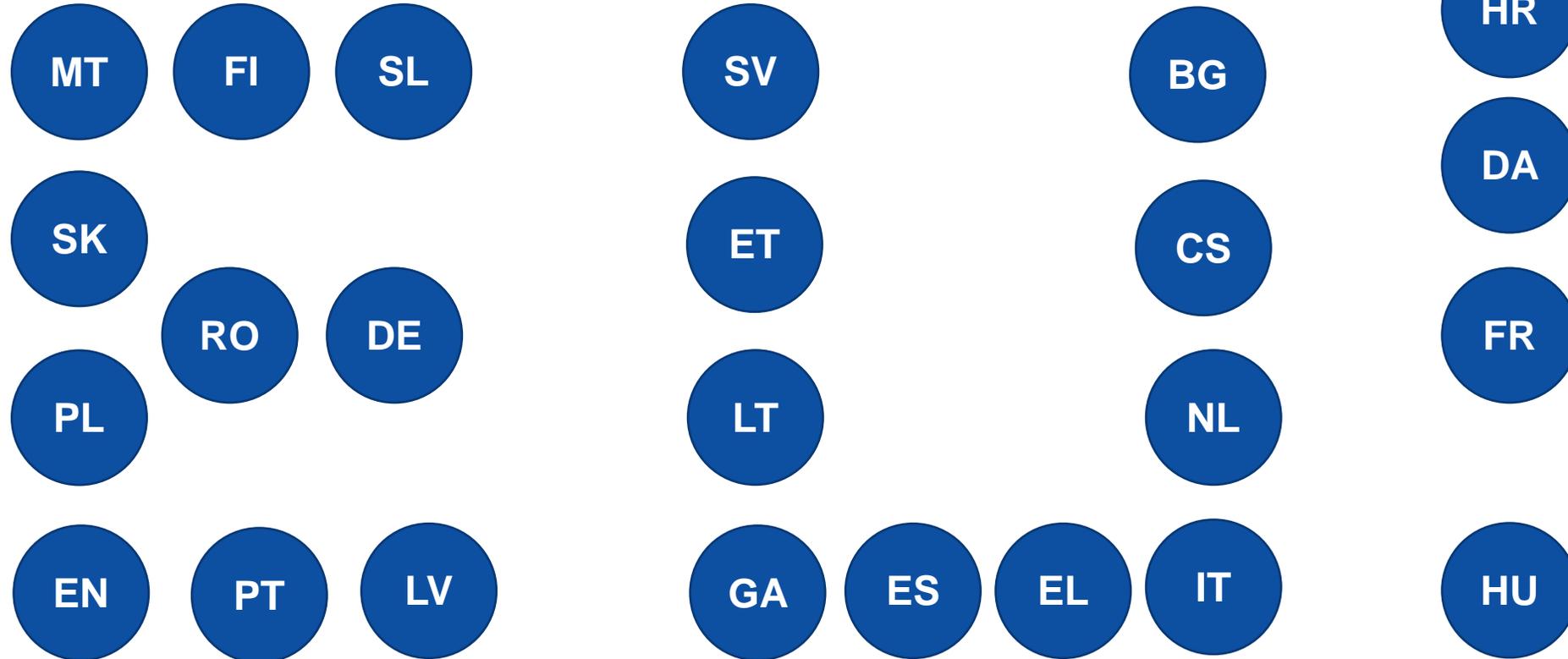
79	AFET	Foreign Affairs
		30 DROI Human Rights
43	SEDE	Security and Defence
25	DEVE	Development
43	INTA	International Trade
40	BUDG	Budgets
30	CONT	Budgetary Control
60	ECON	Economic and Monetary Affairs
		30 FISC Tax matters
60	EMPL	Employment and Social Affairs
90	ENVI	Environment, Climate and Food Safety
43	SANT	Public Health
90	ITRE	Industry, Research and Energy
52	IMCO	Internal Market and Consumer Protection

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46	TRAN	Transport and Tourism
41	REGI	Regional Development
49	AGRI	Agriculture and Rural Development
27	PECH	Fisheries
30	CULT	Culture and Education
25	JURI	Legal Affairs
75	LIBE	Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
30	AFCO	Constitutional Affairs
40	FEMM	Women's Rights and Gender Equality
35	PETI	Petitions
33		European Democracy Shield
33		Housing Crisis in the European Union

Latest updates: [17/07/2024](#) and [18/12/2024](#), decisions by the plenary.

24 official languages



Calendar



- Plenary session
- Committee meetings
- External parliamentary activities
- Political group meetings

2025

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