

# The EU Legislative and Decision-Making Process

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## Learning objectives

Throughout this lesson:  
- Students will be able to learn basics related to the EU's legislative procedure.

## Materials needed

-Printed EU legislation chart (see attachment below)  
-White board + board maker

## Structure/activities

- At the beginning, you can start by informing students that there are 3 key institutions involved in the decision making process, namely **European Commission, European Parliament, and Council of the EU**.
- You can tell your students that they do not need to know in detail about each institutions since it will be the topic for next lesson.
- Explain to your students why we need to focus on EU legislative processes, emphasize its importance for the decision-making. E.g., The legislative procedure is the procedure for all decision-making occurring within the European Union.
- Then distribute printed chart to your students.
- You can start your teaching by introducing **European Commission** - emphasize that it is the main executive that **proposes legislations**.
- Then indicate that **European Parliament** and **Council of the EU** work together to **pass the laws** proposed by the **European Commission**.
- Highlight the difference by using metaphors of "voice of people " (since it represents citizens at EU level) and voice of nations (since it represents governments).
- Then make groups of 3 and engage students in role-playing. Tell them one of them in the group will be European Commission, the other one will be European Parliament and the other remaining one Council of the EU.
- Tell them a scenario related to decision-making at EU level - for example, imagine you will decide whether you will allow the import/export of unhealthy chocolate.
- Then ask these questions to each group: **Who proposes this decision within the group? What will you decide? Who will pass the law? Who will provide information about citizens' decision? Who will provide information about nations' decision?**



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## Background information

<https://euelectionsitaly.blog/what-does-the-european-parliament-do-what-voters-need-to-know-about-may-elections/>

<https://atsep.eu/global/>

## Assessment

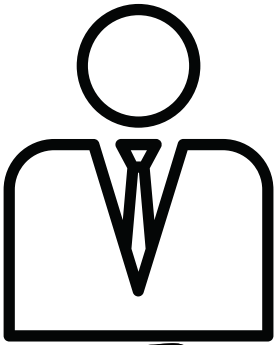
Genially Quiz: <https://view.genial.ly/64be2ef578957a0012809008/interactive-content-the-eu-legislative-and-decision-making-process>



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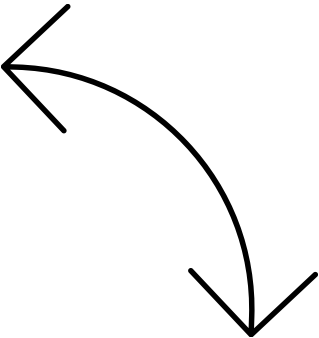
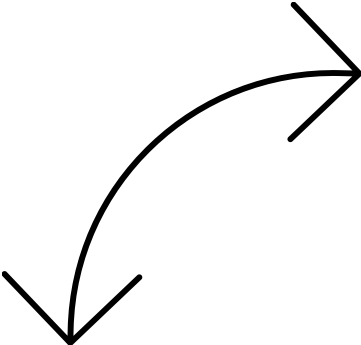


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**European Commission  
(Main Executive Body)**

**PROPOSE  
LEGISLATION**



**European Parliament  
(Voice of people)**

**Council of the EU  
(Voice of nations)**

**PASS  
LEGISLATION**

