

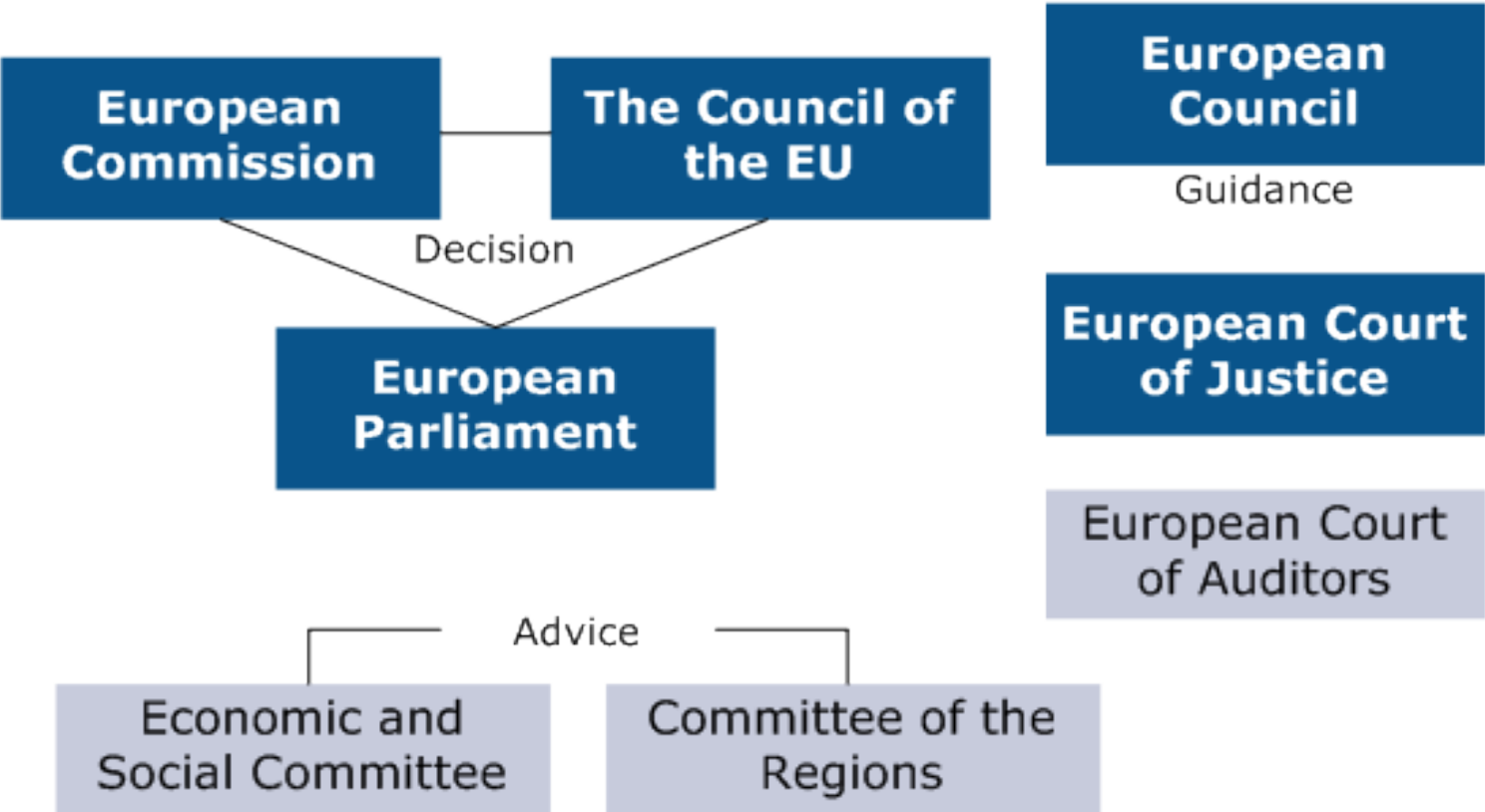
# *International Organisations and Development*

## The European Union: Institutional Architecture Lesson VIII

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**EU Institutions**



# The EU's Institutions



## HIGH REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE UNION IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY POLICY

Chairs the council of foreign ministers and is also vice president of the European Commission. Has own diplomatic service.

## PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

Elected for two-and-a-half years.



chooses

## EUROPEAN COUNCIL

Heads of state or government of member states set the EU's political goals.



proposes the Commission presidents

appoints the EU's "foreign minister"

## EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Directly elected parliament which is on an almost equal footing with the Council of Ministers regarding EU legislation.



chooses Commission president

## COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Ministers of the member states. Creates legislation and determines EU policies. Most decisions are made on a "double majority" basis (i.e. a minimum of 55 percent of member states representing a minimum of 65 percent of the EU's population)

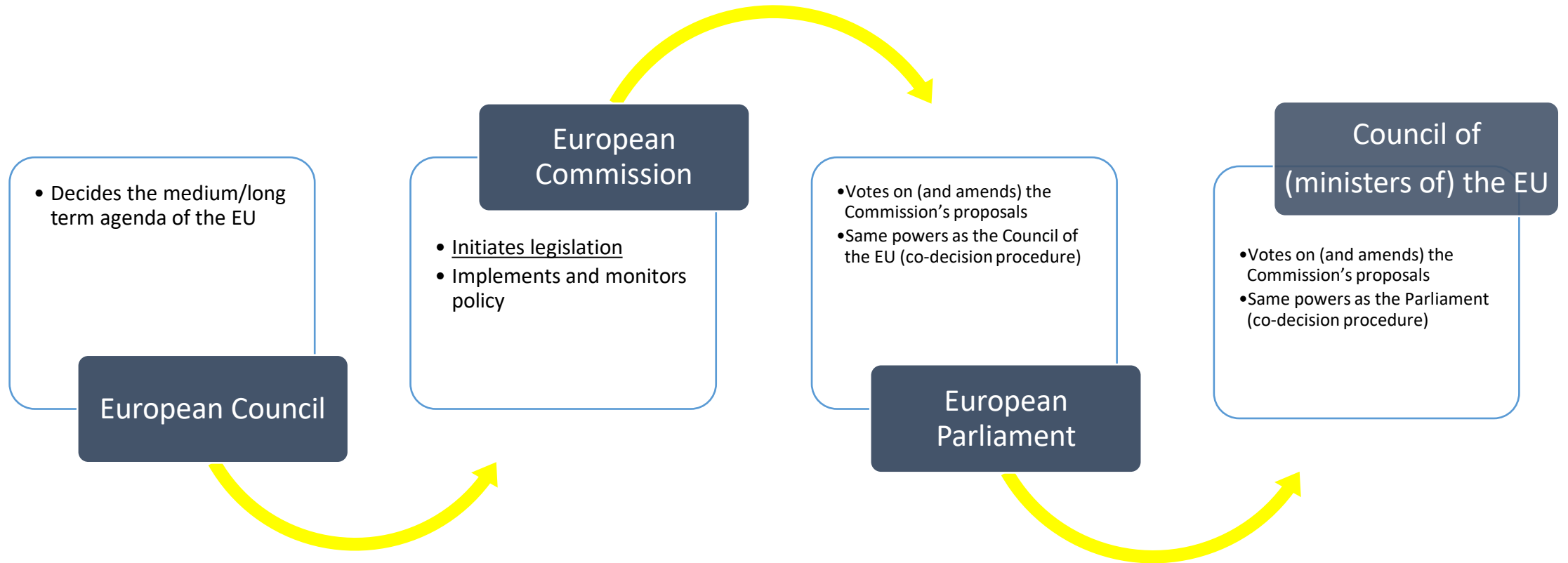


## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

The EU's "government." The Commission's president is elected by the European Parliament.



# The decision-making process...in a nutshell



# How the Europe Union Works

- A guide to the EU institutions available at
- <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/9a6a89dc-4ed7-4bb9-a9f7-53d7f1fb1dae>