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Mastering challenges in “evidence-based policy making”: the experience of EPRS

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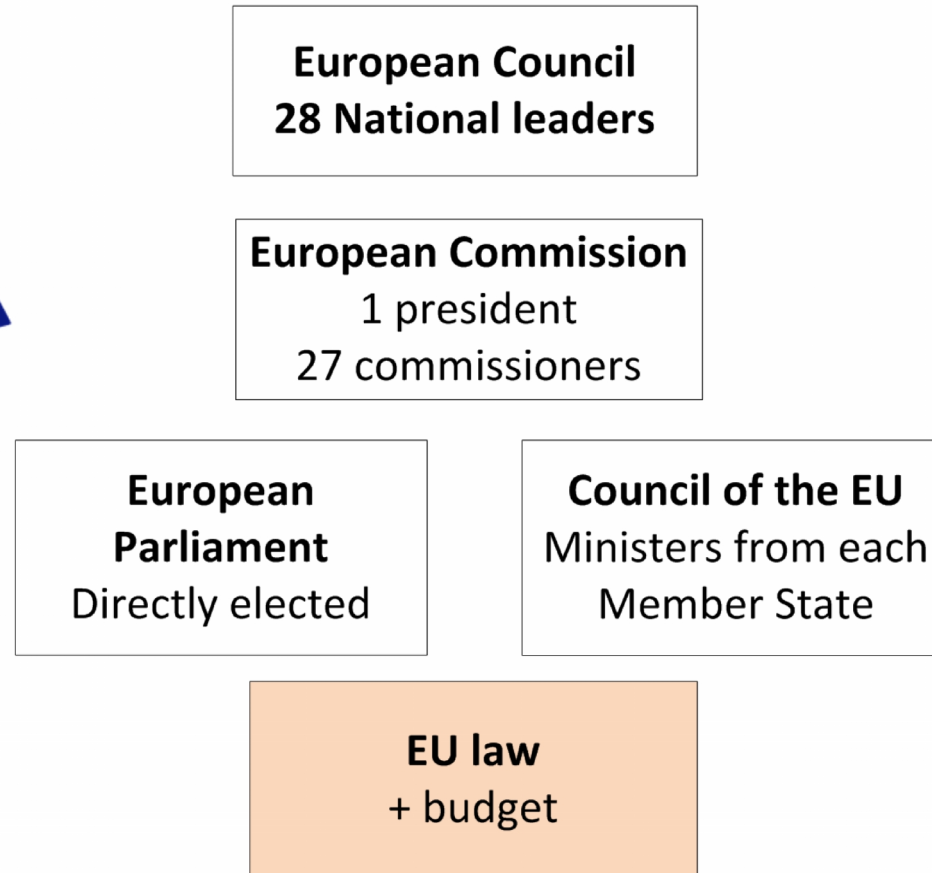
Agenda

- Serving a diverse and multi-national Parliament– the context
- EPRS products and services supporting parliamentary committees
- Dilemmas, difficulties – a brief discussion

As a major player in a multi-institutional setting



EU power structure



Serving a diverse and multinational Parliament

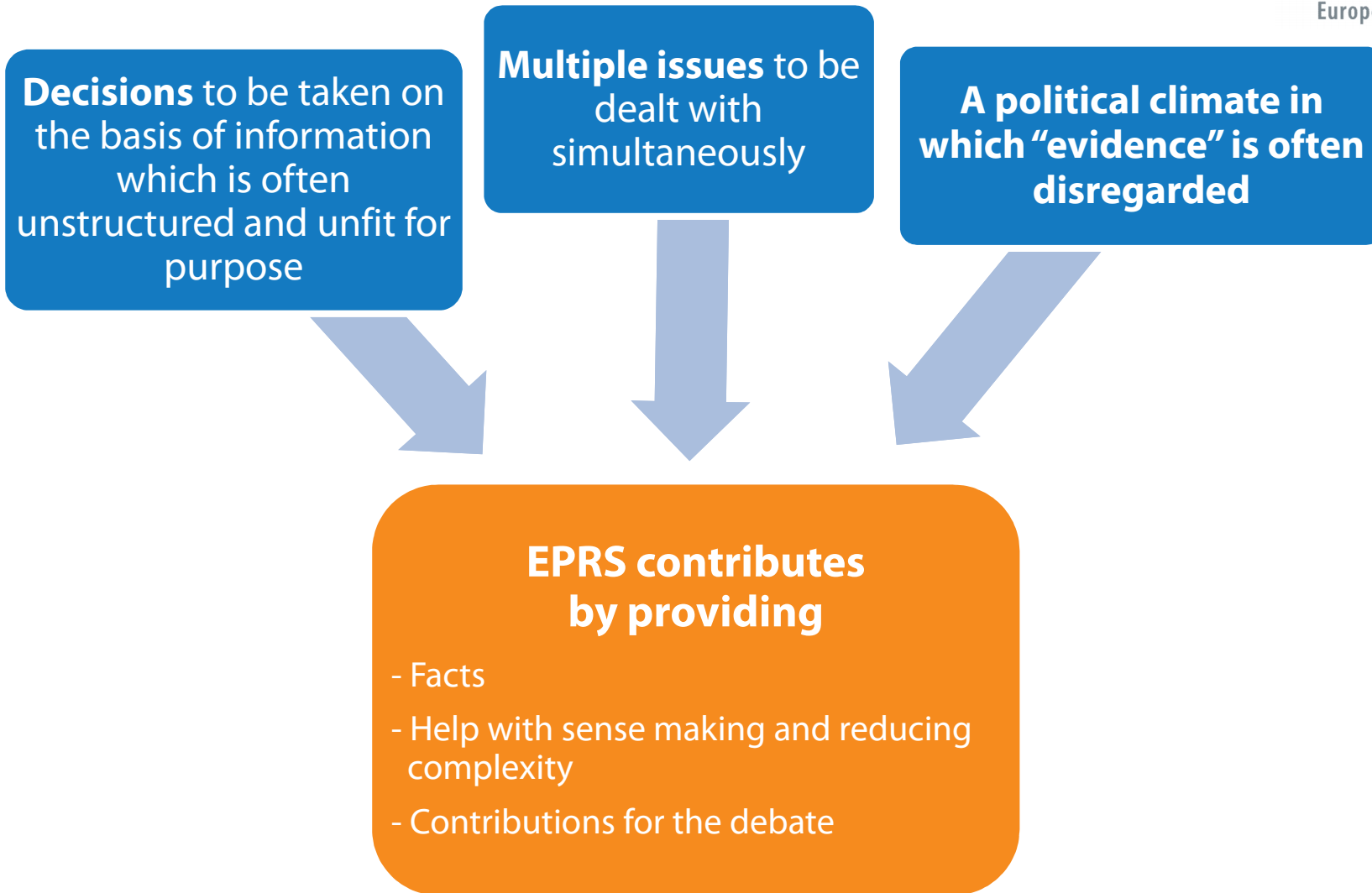
- 751 Members
- 28 EU countries
- 205 parties / 8 political groups
- 24 languages
- 20 standing committees, 2 sub-committees, special committees



Members and
parliamentary committees as clients



Helping decision-makers to master the challenges

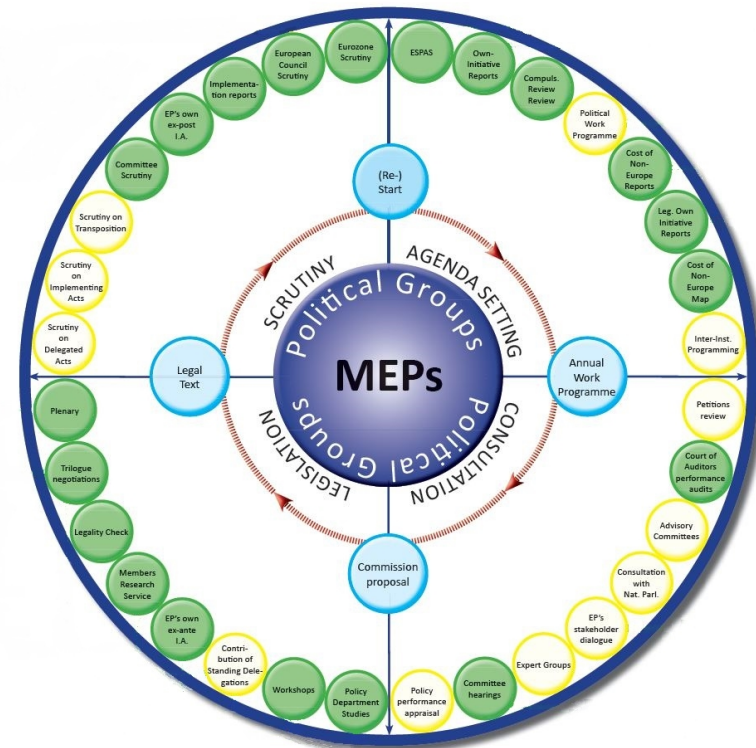


Philosophy and core values

- to be **independent, objective** and **authoritative**
- to be **client oriented** and to offer a **rapid response** to requests from Members and committees
- to provide a broad range of products and services, pro-actively and on request, closely **tailored to the needs of Members and committees**

Supporting parliamentary committees throughout the whole policy cycle – from agenda setting through consultation to legislation and scrutiny

- providing analytical work at the **successive phases of the EU policy cycle**;
- identifying the **benefit of common action** at European level;
- analysing the **effectiveness of European legislation**;
- enhancing EP **scrutiny and oversight** of the Executive.



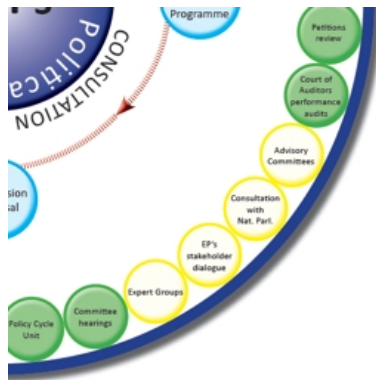
Looking forward: Agenda setting and determining European Added Value (phase 1)



- **Foresight** : systematic monitoring of the changing global economic, social and political environment, identifying long-term trends, including in science and technology.
- **European Added Value:** helping committees to justify legislative initiatives and in identifying areas where collective action at EU level can add value.

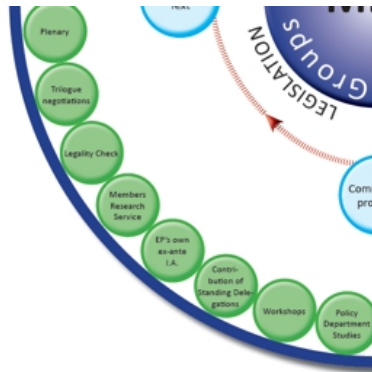


Gather information - Consultation (phase 2)



- **Systematic information** on the operation of existing legislation, whenever a proposal to update such legislation is put forward.
- EPRS is
 - **consulting widely, including with national parliaments**
 - **reviewing citizens' correspondence and petitions**

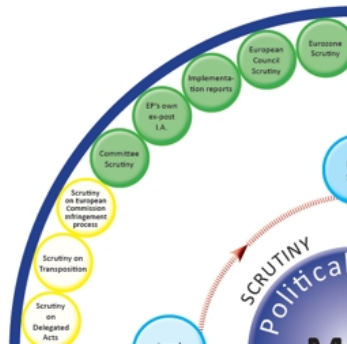
Legislation (phase 3)



- **Critical analysis** of 'Impact assessments'
- **Further 'Impact assessment work'** on request by committees such as, inter alia, assessing the impact of substantive EP amendments
- **'Legislation in progress'**: easy-to-read, content-rich analysis on all (non-trivial) legislative proposals during all stages of the procedure



Scrutiny (phase 4)



- **Monitoring and analysing** the implementation of EU law and policies
- **European Implementation Assessments** support EP Committees when they undertake ‘implementation reports’
- Other kinds of **‘Ex-post Impact Assessments’**

Implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive (2012/27/EU): Energy Efficiency Obligation Schemes

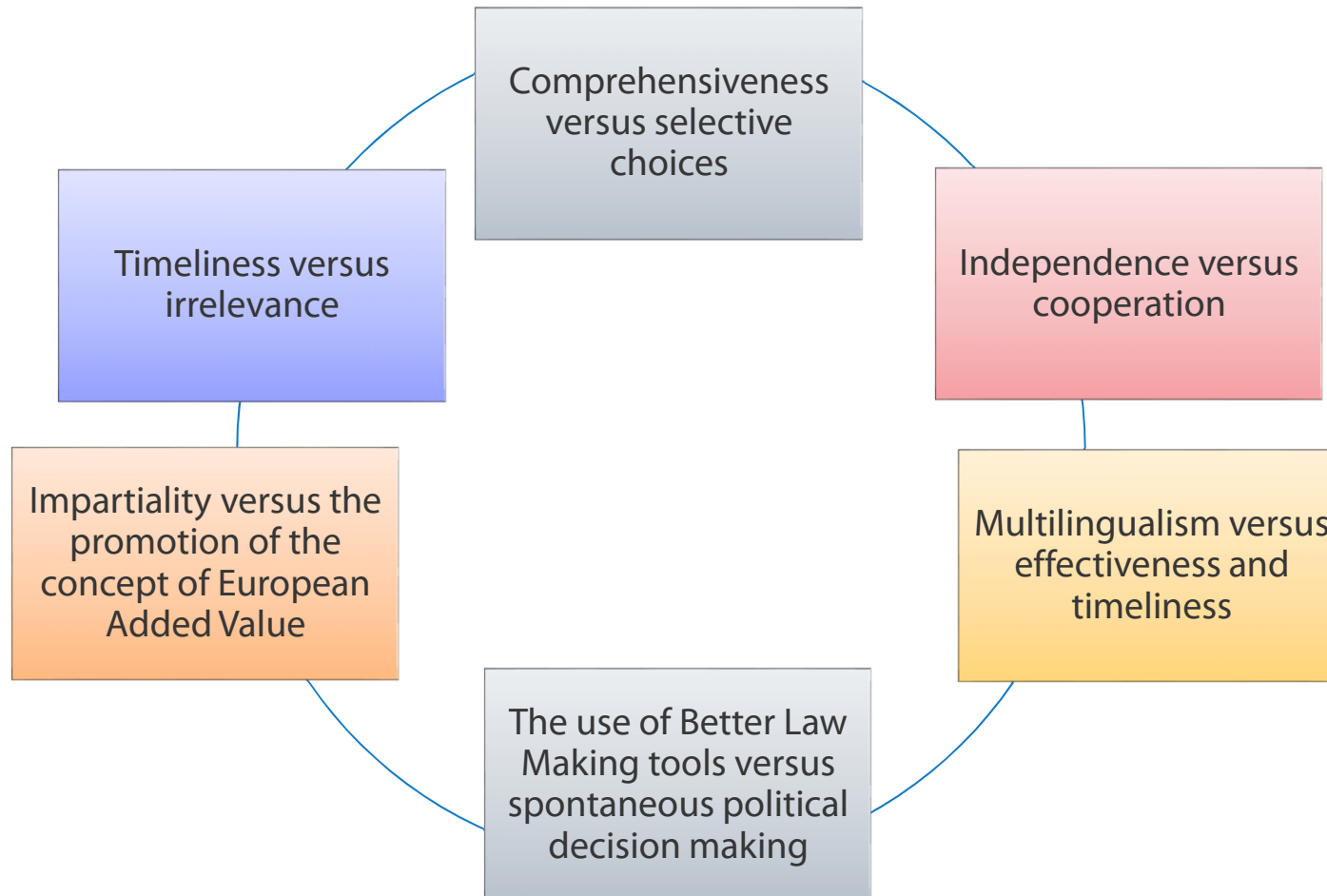
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Mastering dilemmas, difficulties – the experience of EPRS

A brief discussion on selected issues



Making “evidence-based policy making” a success Together we can succeed!

Everybody is entitled to their own opinion. However nobody is entitled to their own set of facts.

- Evidence-based policy making under threat
- Turning the tide – a common task of parliamentary research services
- Together we can make it happen!

Thank you!