

How to advance childhood cancer priorities in the aftermath of the EU elections?

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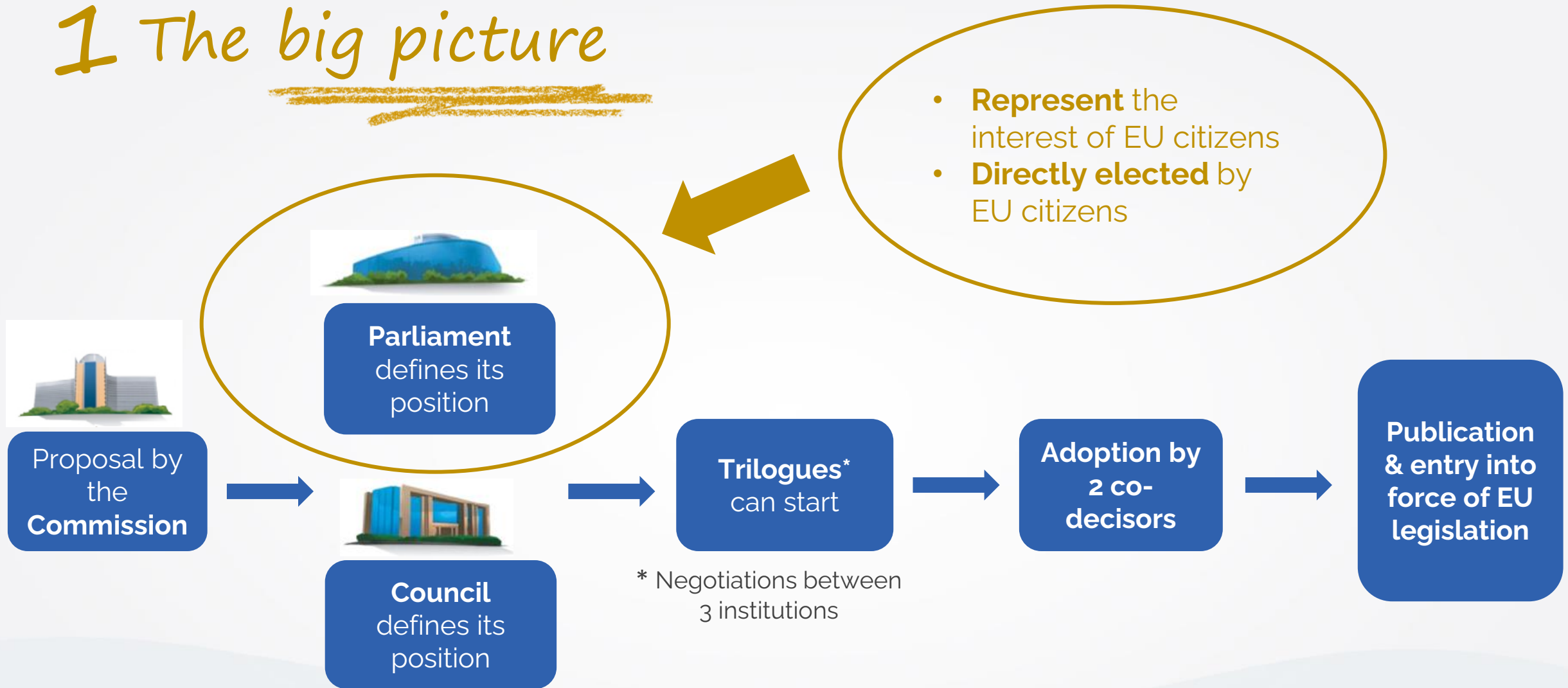


1. Introduction to the European Parliament

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1 The big picture



1 Introduction to the European Parliament



Location 📍

- **Strasbourg** : plenary sessions
- **Brussels**: committee meetings, political group meetings etc
- **Luxembourg** : Secretariat General of the European Parliament

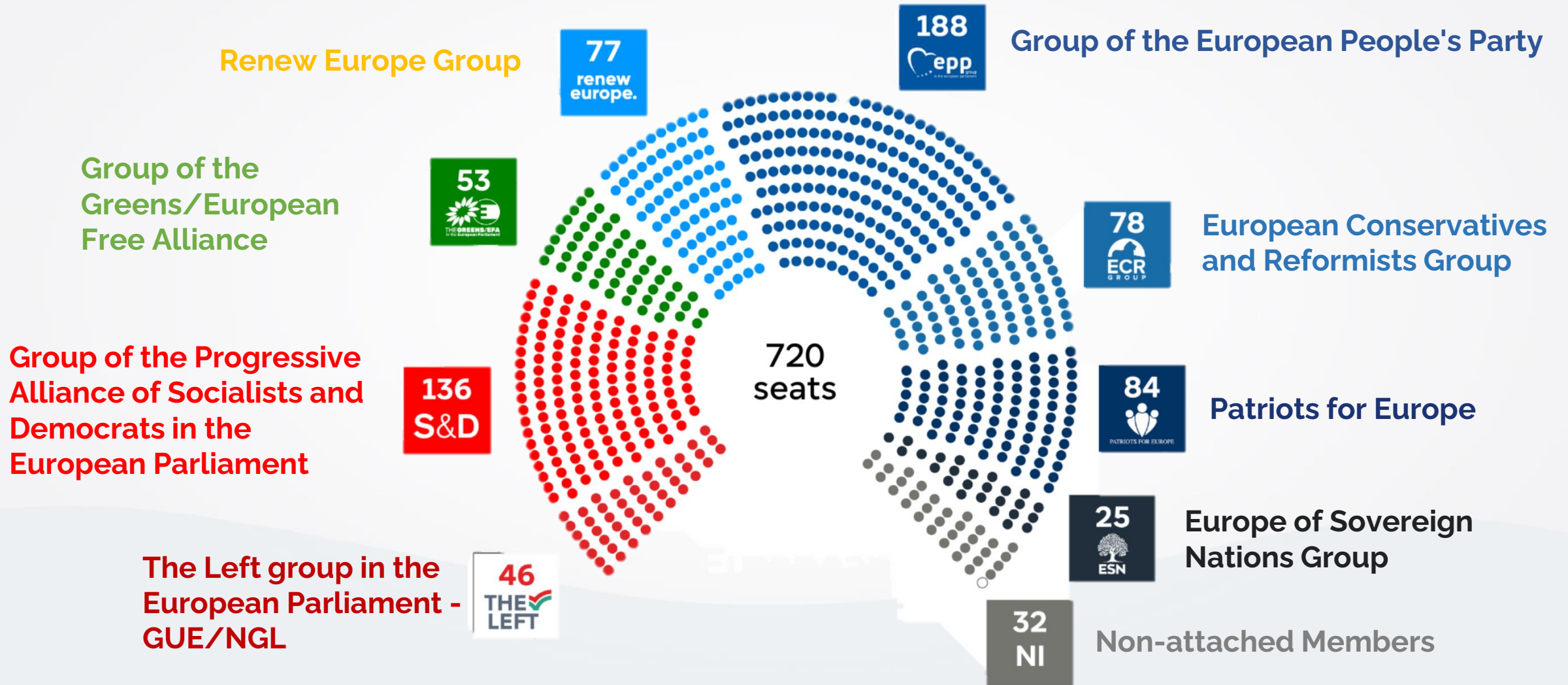
Role

- **Legislative power** : adopts European legislation
- **Co-decisor** with the Council of the European Union

Composition

- **720 Members of the European Parliament (MEPs)** directly elected
- **8 political groups**
- **1 President & 14 Vice-Presidents**
- **20 committees & 4 subcommittees**

1 Political groups & MEPs



1 What do MEPs do?



Represent the interest of
EU citizens



Legislative work

- **Amend and vote on legislative proposals** put forward by the European Commission
- **Negotiate the final text** with the Council representing EU countries



Annual budget

- Decide & vote on the **annual budget** together with the Council
- Monitor the use of **EU funds**



Commission

- Vote to **elect the president of the Commission**
- Approve the whole line-up of **commissioners**
- Have the **right to dismiss** the Commission



Other

- Oversee the work of the **other EU institutions**
- Scrutinise the implementation of **EU policies**

1 President & Vice-presidents

President since
2022
Re-elected for a
2nd term

1 PRESIDENT



Roberta METSOLA
Malta, EPP

14 VICE-PRESIDENTS



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Germany, EPP



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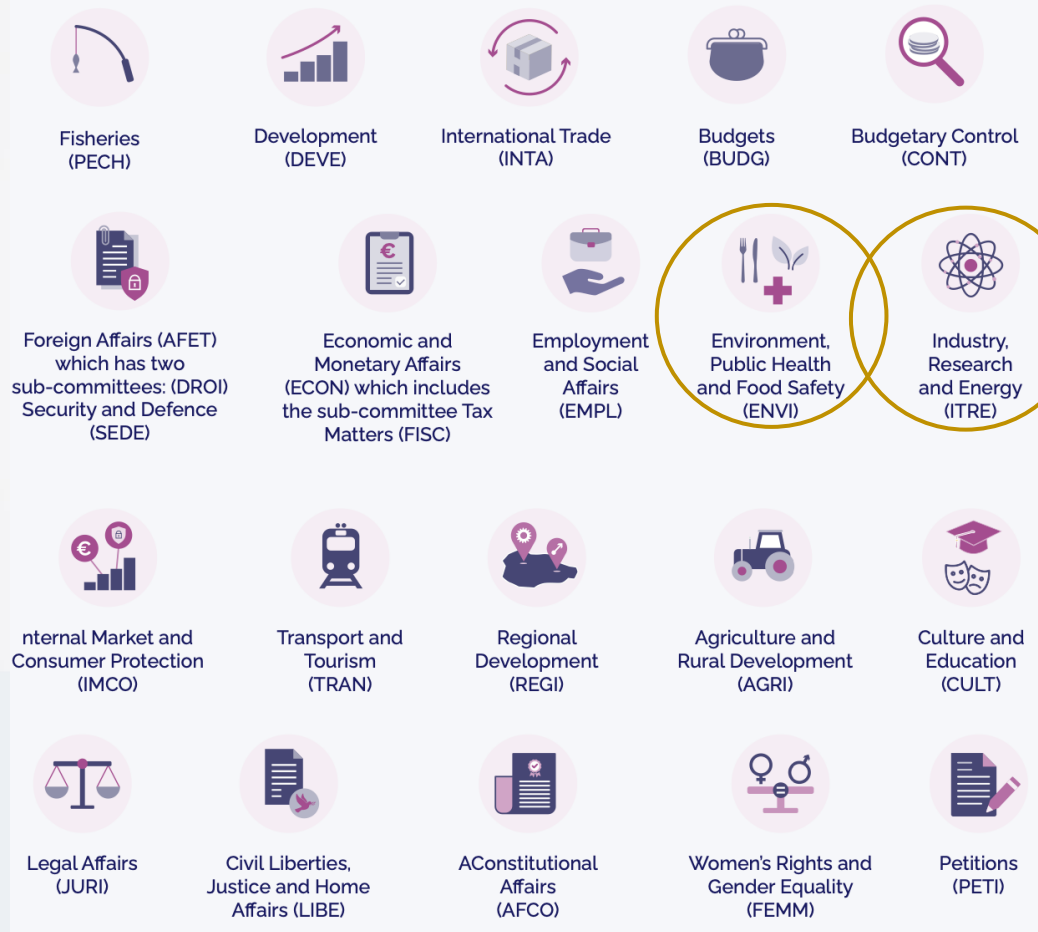
Roberts ZĪLE
Latvia, ECR



Younous OMARJEE
France, The Left

1 Committees & subcommittees

20 COMMITTEES



4 SUBCOMMITTEES

Public Health (SANT)

Security and Defence (SEDE)

Tax matters (FISC)

Human rights (DROI)

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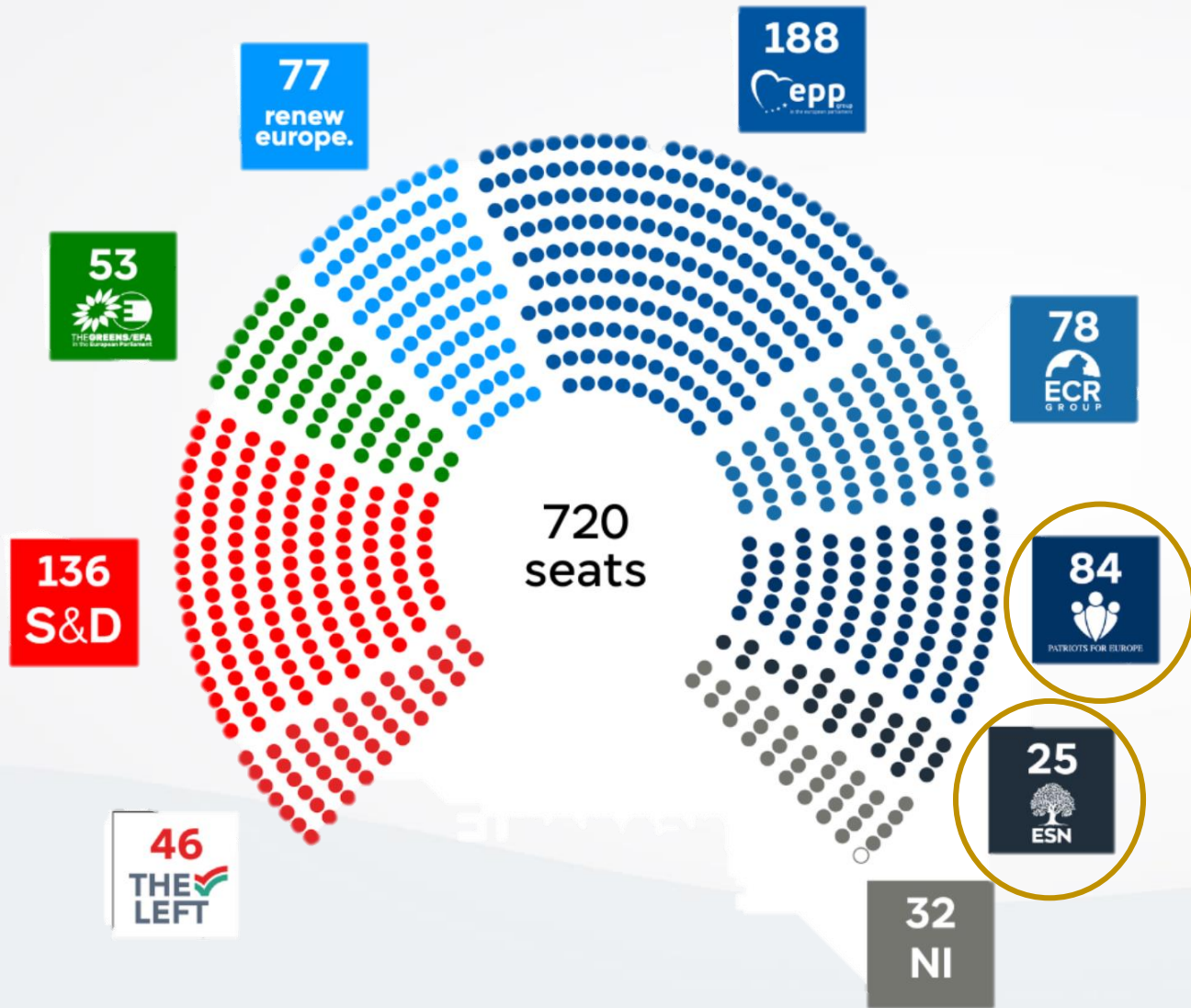
2 The EU elections

- European elections are held every **5 years**
- **MEPs are the only representatives elected by direct universal suffrage at the EU level**
- **The last one took place 6-9 June 2024**
- Most EU countries operate a single national constituency which elects **MEPs*** for the whole country. Some are subdivided into constituencies, with electoral results calculated separately in each constituency
- **720 MEPs** were elected for the 2024-2029 legislative term



* Members of the European Parliament

2 Outcomes of the 2024 EU elections



8 political groups:

- The LEFT
- Socialists & Democrats (S&D)
- The Greens
- Renew Europe
- European People's Party (EPP)
- European Conservatives Reform & Reformists (ECR)
- Patriots for Europe (PfE) *new!*
- European of Sovereign Nations (ESN) *new!*

2 New political groups...



Patriots for Europe (PfE) *new!* (former ID)

« *Make Europe Great Again* » - *Sovereignist, Realist, Patriot*

President: Jordan Bardella (National Rally, France)

Represents 84 MEPs from 12 Member States:

- National Rally (France),
- Fidesz (Hungary), Christian Democratic People's Party (Hungary),
- the League (Italy),
- Vox (Spain),
- Chega (Portugal),
- Action of Dissatisfied Citizens, Oath and Motorists (Czech Republic),
- Freedom Party (Austria),
- Party for Freedom (Netherlands),
- Vlaams Belang (Belgium),
- Danish People's Party,
- Voice of Reason (Greece),
- Latvia First

2 New political groups...



Europe of Sovereign Nations (ESN) *new!*

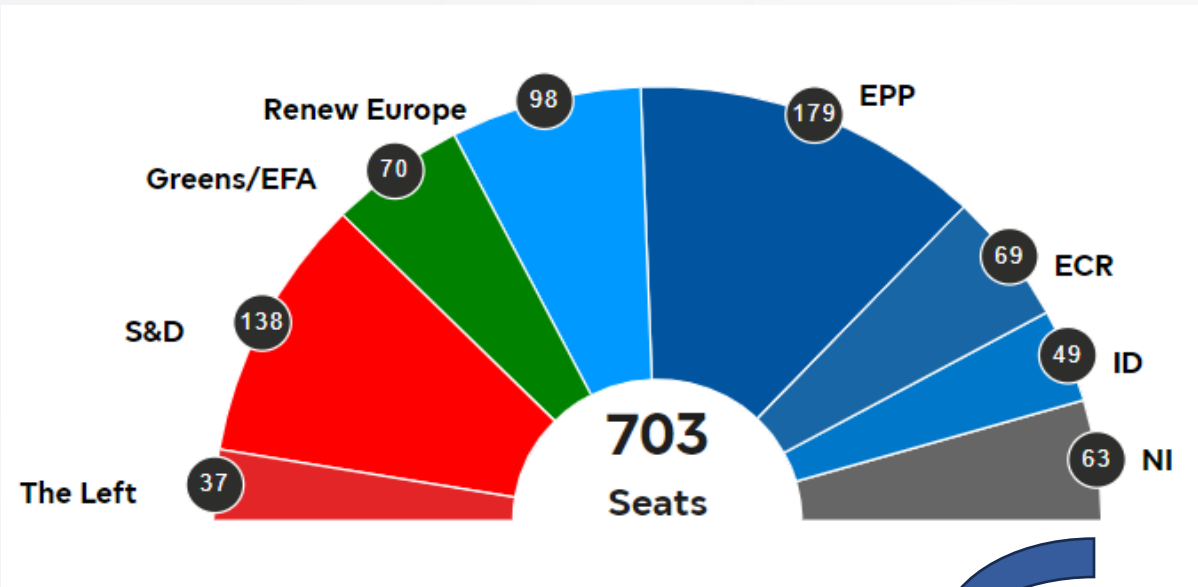
Co- Presidents René Aust & Stanislaw Tyszka

Represents 25 MEPs from 8 Member States:

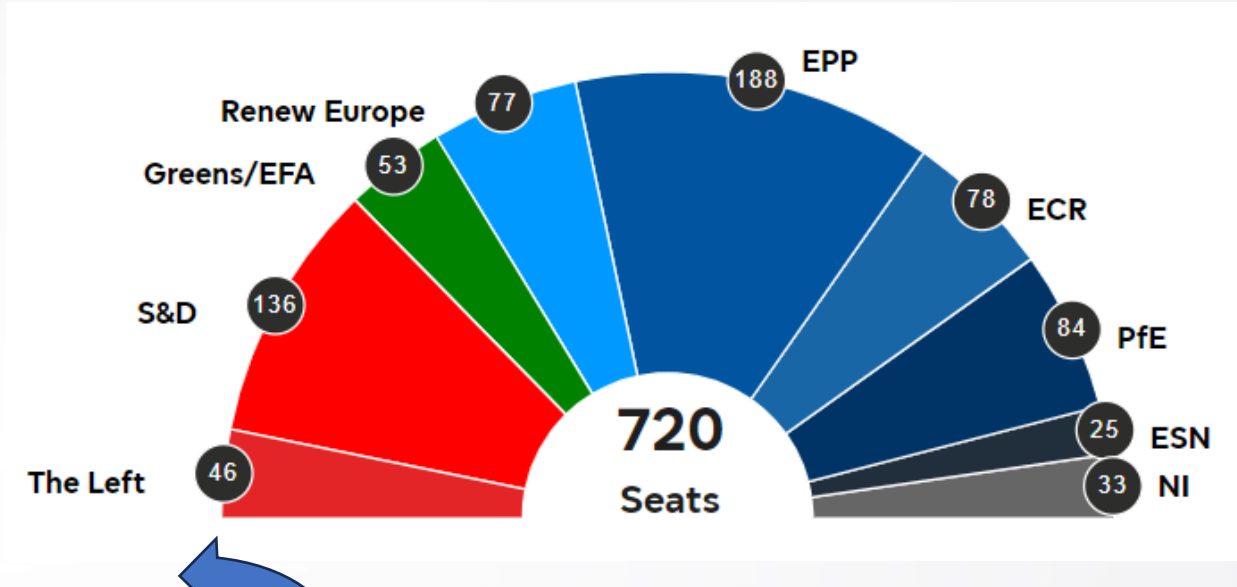
- Alternative for Germany (AfD),
- Poland's Confederation,
- Bulgaria's Revival,
- France's Reconquête,
- Slovakia's Republika,
- Czechia's Freedom and Direct Democracy (SPD),
- Hungary's Our Homeland Movement,
- Lithuania's People and Justice Union.

2 Vote results : comparison

2019-2024



2024-2029



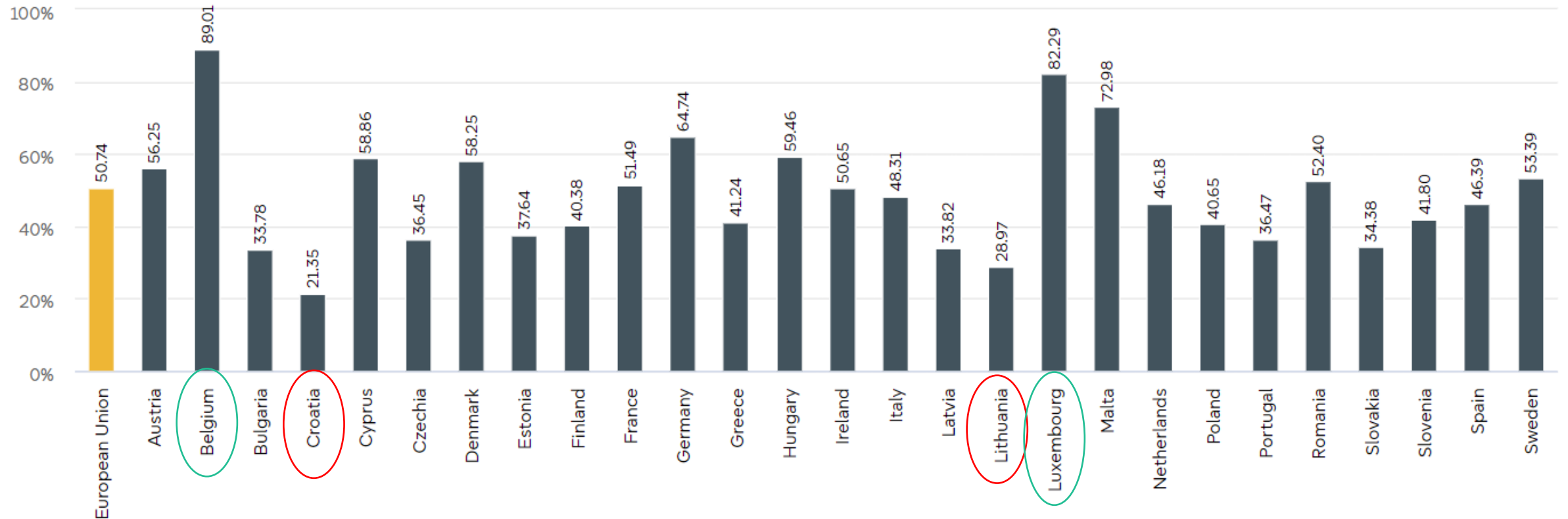
Changes in seat counts from 2019-2024 to 2024-2029:

EPP	- 9
S&D	- 2
PfE	+ 84 new!
ECR	+ 9
Renew Europe	- 21
Greens	- 17
The Left	- 9
ESN	+ 25 new!
Non inscrits	- 30

2 Outcomes

Turnout by country (%)

Final results



2 First insights

- ✓ Majorities for compromise remain at the center
- ✓ **Renew** and the **Greens** lost seats, and **Patriots of Europe** emerged stronger from ID dissolution,
- ✓ **Abstention** remains similar to the previous term
- ✓ **If all far right-wingers— ECR; PfE, and, ESN rs would join forces, they could have become the second largest group in the EU Parliament** (187 votes!)
- ✓ **A more right-leaning European Parliament might mean more watered-down EU health policy:**
 - with the pretext of upholding Member States' national competence on health
 - or market-driven forces instead of citizens/patients interests.
- ✓ **A patchwork of national parties moving across political groups** – we have to engage on a more individual basis (and less targeting groups)

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3 Impact on the European Commission's leadership

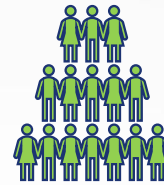
The current Commission's term of office runs until **31 October 2024**.



Ursula Von der Leyen (EPP, Germany)

Elected President of the Commission in July 2024 by the EP (401 votes)

In contrast with 383 votes in July 2019



The Council, in agreement with the Commission president-elect, adopts a list of candidate commissioners, one per EU country.



Each candidate is assigned responsibility for a specific policy area by the Commission president-elect.

----- **We are here** -----



A hearing takes place in front of the committee(s) dealing with the candidate's proposed portfolio.



The Commission as a whole, and its programme, is subject to the European Parliament approval (plenary vote).

3 College of Commissioners



Designated
Commissioner
for Health

Designated
Commissioner
for R&D

*Pending form

3 Designated Commissioners



Olivér Várhelyi – nominated by Hungary

Designated Commissioner for Health & Animal Welfare

Previous Commissioner on Enlargement & Neighbourhood

Civil servant for the Hungarian Government, Commission and Head of Hungarian Permanent Representation

- **No particular experience in health.** There were no obvious candidates for the post of Health Commissioner, but the choice of Hungarian Olivér Várhelyi **might reflect the lower priority given to this function by Member States.**



Ekaterina Zaharieva – nominated by Bulgaria

Designated Commissioner for Start-ups, Research and Innovation

Lawyer & Minister of Justice, Foreign Affairs minister and deputy prime Minister

- **No experience in health sector. Focus on energy, transport, and digital sectors.**

3 Programme for Health and R&I



Mission letter addressed to the designated Health Commissioner

- Implementation of the **Europe's Beating Cancer Plan**
- Conclude work on the **Pharmaceutical Package**
- Complete the **European Health Data Space**
- Propose a new **Critical Medicines Act**
- Propose a new **European Biotech Act**
- **Preventive health and non communicable diseases**



Mission letter addressed to the designated Research Commissioner

- Propose a **European research area**
- Propose a long-term strategy to **boost European Research infrastructure**
- Propose a new **European Innovation Act**
- Propose a new **Strategy for European Life Sciences**

3 Engagement post elections

June 2024 (6-9th)

European elections

**Introduction of CCI-E & SIOPe
priorities to the new MEPs**

Creation of an Intergroup on Cancer

24th September 2024

- **Gold September – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**
- Presentation of CCI-E & SIOPe manifesto & priorities for the new mandate

September 2024

- Re-election of the **President of the EU Commission, Ursula von Der Leyen** for **401 vs 284**
- Appointment of **the 26 Commissioners**

October 2024 (31st)

- End of the mandate of President von Der Leyen (European Commission)
- **Health Commissioner hearing**

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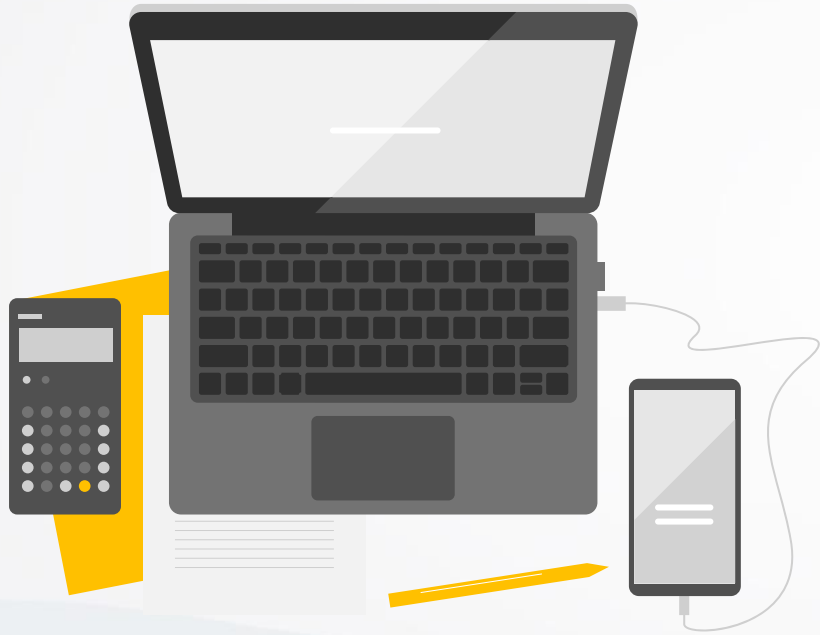
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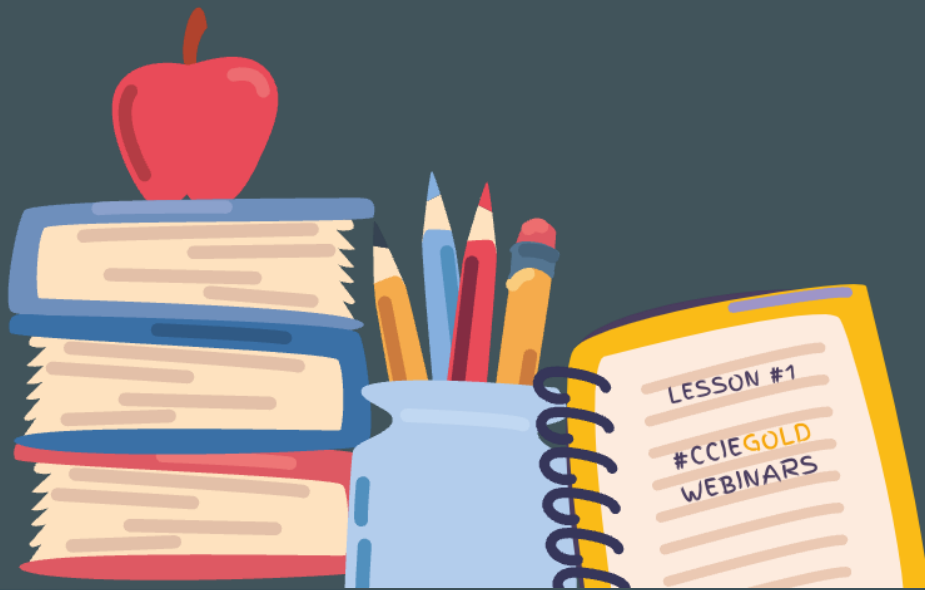
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