



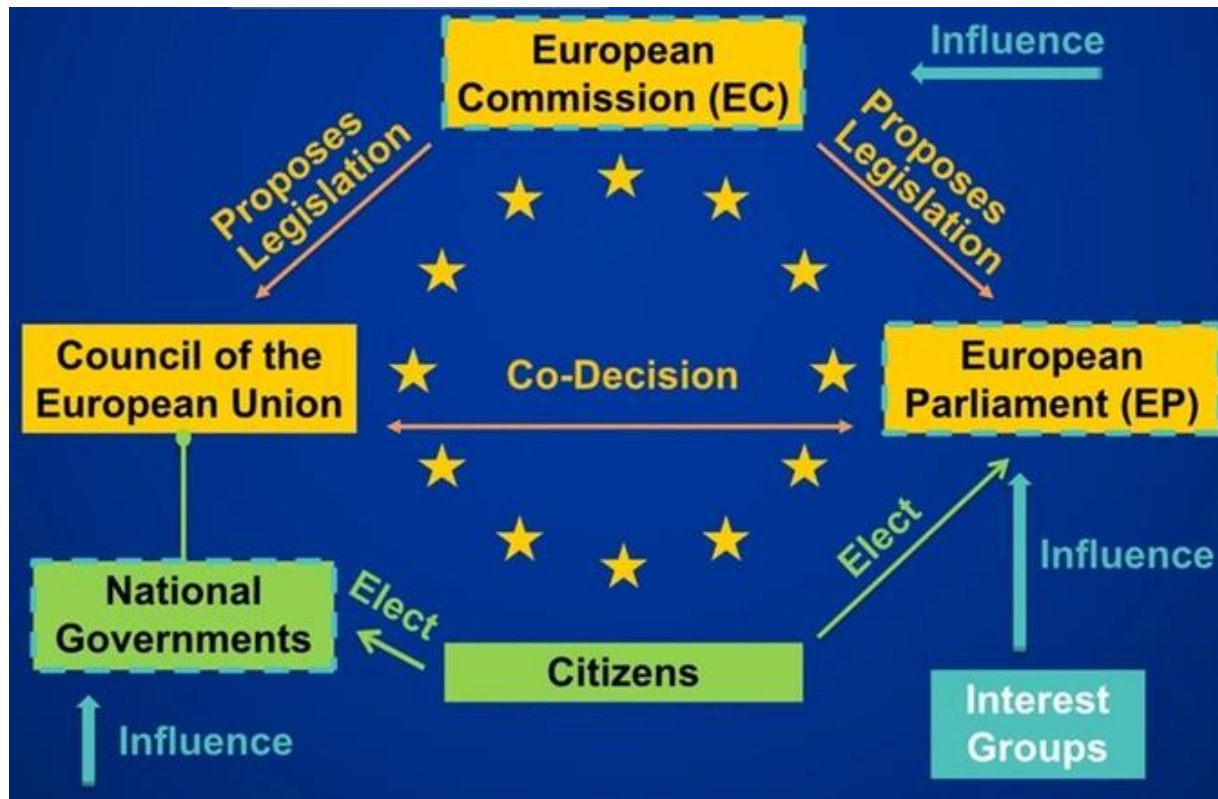
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LEADERSHIP IN VETERINARY SERVICES

FEEDBACK FROM THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Policy-making process in the EU



Council of the EU

- **negotiates and adopts EU laws**, together with the European Parliament, based on proposals from the European Commission
- **coordinates** EU countries' policies
- develops the EU's **foreign & security policy**, based on European Council guidelines
- concludes **agreements** between the EU and other countries or international organisations
- adopts the annual EU budget - jointly with the European Parliament

Presidency of the Council of the EU

Every 6 months a different EU government holds the office of Presidency for the Council of the EU. Their role is to chair and drive forward discussions in the Council – among all EU countries – on EU legislation in a honest and neutral way.

Each Presidency identifies **its own set of priorities**. These are determined by the pressing EU issues at the time and have the overall goal of strengthening the EU and promoting its values.

→ Holding the Presidency is an opportunity to exercise **leadership** !

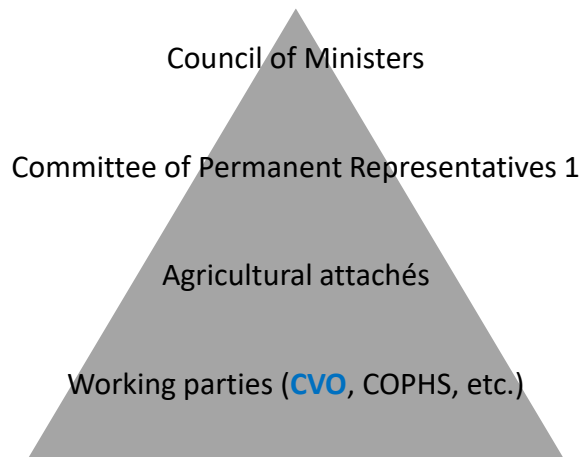
Council decision-making

Discussions in the Council of Ministers and the adoption of decisions are the result of upstream negotiations in the preparatory bodies.

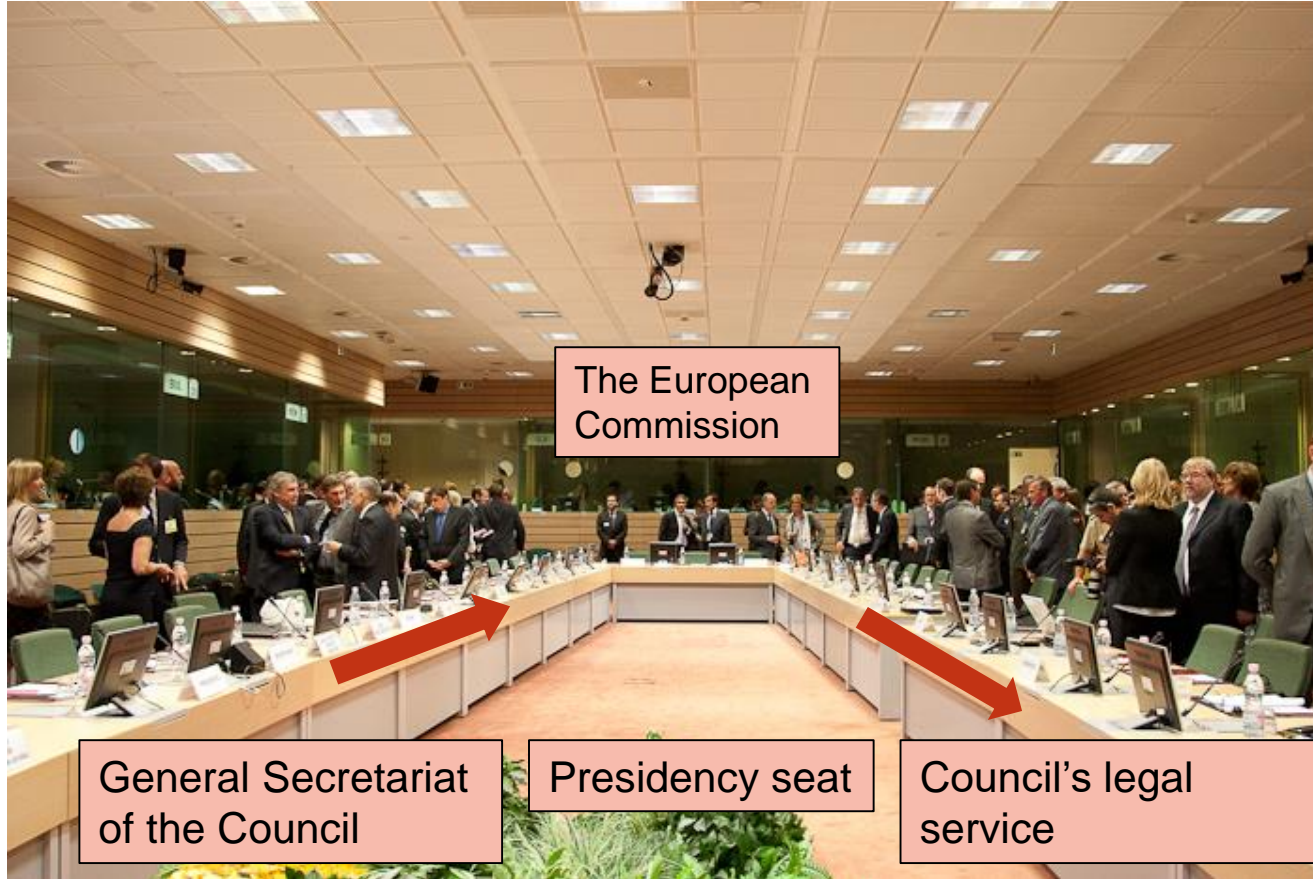
Political discussions



Technical discussions



Possibility of exercising **leadership** with CVOs of the EU and indirectly with the Ministers of agriculture of the EU




Organisation



- During the French Presidency, the General Directorate for Food had to chair 28 meetings (including 4 CVO meetings) and to coordinate the EU position for 6 meetings of international organizations.
- Organisation of meetings for an internal steering committee for the General Directorate for Food
- Organisation of a weekly steering committee with the Minister's adviser on diplomacy, European and international relations
- Each chairman was responsible for the preparation and follow-up of his group, and the European and Multilateral Negotiation Office helped by doing a general coordination and by providing support for certain groups.

Setting political priorities for the Presidency




Political priorities

-  The DGAL's action during the French Presidency falls within the context of the European **Green Deal** and its declination for agriculture, the **Farm to fork strategy**.

Key themes

-  Reciprocity and mirror measures
-  Pesticides & Revision of the SUD Directive

Technical issues

-  Vaccination strategy for the control of HPAI
-  Animal welfare
-  Plant health

Meetings of CVOs : vaccination strategy in the fight against HPAI



Discussions in the CVO meetings in January, March and May 2022 : questionnaire and draft Council Conclusions



AGRI Council 24 May : adoption of the Council Conclusions (strategic approach to the development of vaccination as a complementary tool for the prevention and control of HPAI)



CVO meeting in June : exchanges on the follow-up and operationalisation of the Council Conclusions



Further work under the Czech Presidency

Meetings of CVOs : other topics covered

- Sharing of experiences to **improve animal welfare in farms (prevention of painful practices in breeding)**
- Artificial intelligence inputs for **post mortem inspection in slaughterhouses**
- **Mobile slaughterhouses**
- Alignment between **veterinary resources** and animal health and protection needs : diagnostics and solutions
- Coordination of EU positions in view of meetings of **international organisations** (OIE/WOAH, Eu-FMD)



European strategy for *Codex alimentarius*

Conclusions on *Codex Alimentarius* « The EU's commitment to an ambitious Codex Alimentarius fit for challenges of today and tomorrow » adopted by the AGRIFISH Council on 21st February 2022

4 pillars :

- **Shared EU vision** on the strategic role of Codex
- Ambitions for Codex and the **Global Sustainability Agenda**
- Strengthening **Codex working methods** and practices in the face of new challenges
- Reaffirming the **EU's commitment** to Codex through strong cooperation

Operationalisation of the Council conclusions :

- Appropriation and valuation of conclusions
- Awareness raising of third countries and Codex partners
- Mobilisation of delegates and scientific experts



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