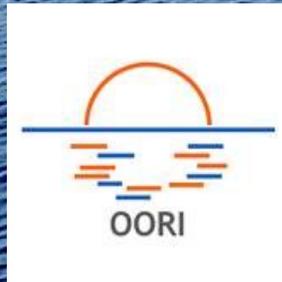


Marine Science in the European Parliament

The political processes behind forming legislation

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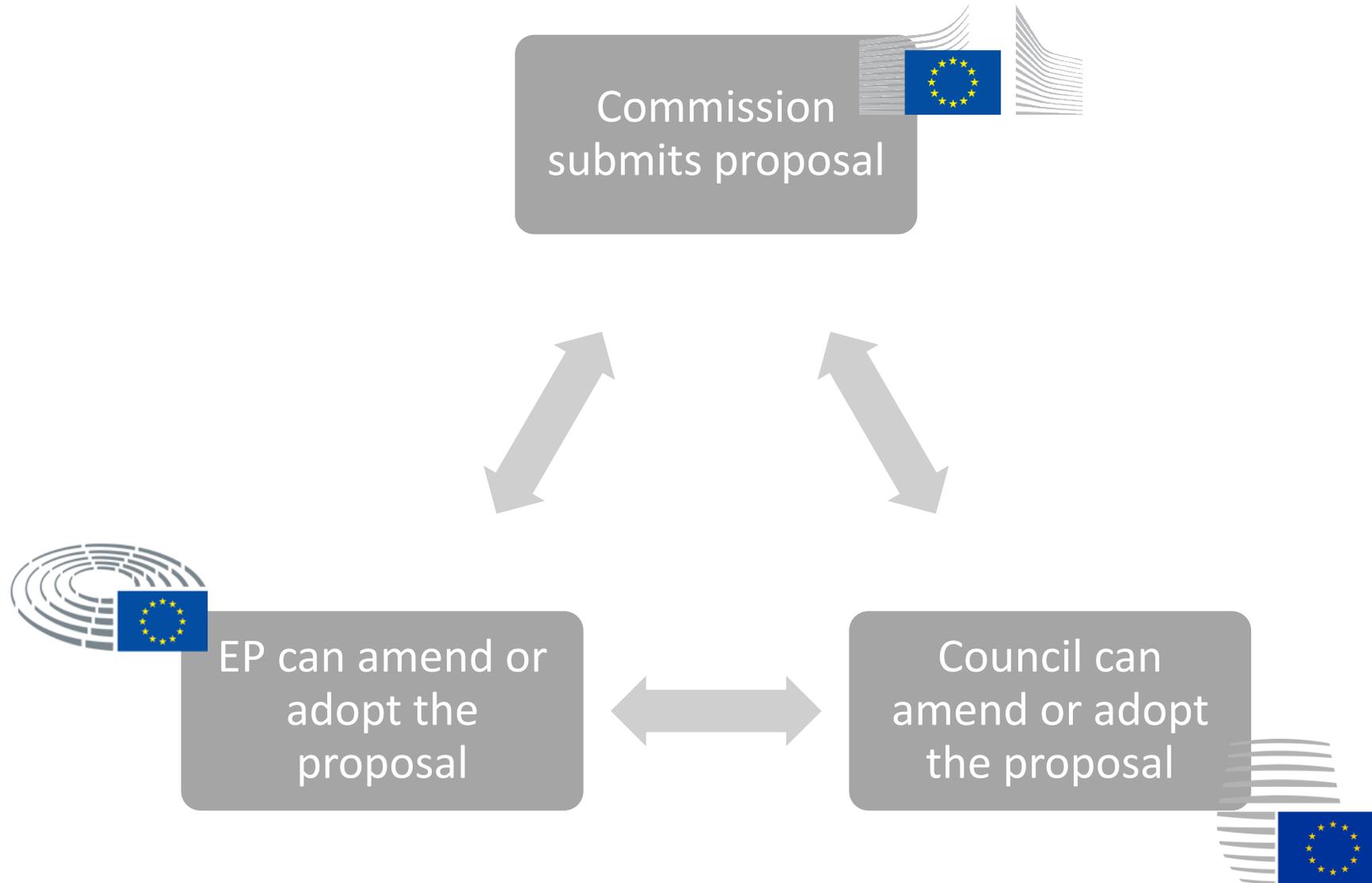


About me

- Graduate of Oceans and Lakes in 2018
- Interest to explore marine policy:
 - How does policy making work?
 - Do policy makers consider scientific evidence?
- Internship with Gesine Meißner, MEP
 - President of the Intergroup Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas (SEARICA)
 - Special Envoy on Maritime Policy



How does policy making work?



The role of the European Parliament

Proposal is dealt with in a specific committee

Committee appoints a rapporteur to report on the proposal

Committee vote and plenary vote

Tasks of rapporteur:

- Negotiate with shadow rapporteurs from different political parties
- Negotiate with Commission and Council
- Consult with lobbyist
- → finding compromises

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