

## How carp farmers influence on decision makers

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# + Overview



- Introduction
- How EU works- 3 institutions
- Decision paths – how it is connected
- Influence in a wider context



# **Brussels is closer than you think**



-understand some basics of how  
**procedural mechanisms work,**

**-dedicated specialists,**

-positively **influence** European  
rules to your own benefit.



Three EU institutions having a direct role in aquaculture decision-making:



- **The European Commission,**
- **The European Parliament,**
- **The Council of the European Union (called the “Council of Ministers” or the “Council”)**



# The European Commission



- **propose new laws**
- the executive body of European Union
- 53 Departments and executive agencies
- 28 Commissioners appointed every 5 years
- organized into policy departments – DIRECTORATES-GENERAL (DGs)

# The European Commission



European  
Commission

**First Vice-President**

**Frans Timmermans**

*Better Regulation,  
Interinstitutional Relations,  
Rule of Law & Charter of  
Fundamental Rights*

**PRESIDENT**  
**JEAN-CLAUDE JUNCKER**

**High Representative**

**Federica Mogherini**

*High Representative of the Union  
for Foreign Policy & Security  
Policy/Vice-President*

**Vice-President**

**Maroš Šefčovič**

*Energy Union*

**Vice-President**

**Jyrki Katainen**

*Jobs, Growth, Investment  
& Competitiveness*

**Vice-President**

**Valdis Dombrovskis**

*The Euro & Social Dialogue,  
also in charge of Financial  
Stability, Financial Services and  
Capital Markets Union*

**Vice-President**

**Andrus Ansip**

*Digital Single Market*

**Commissioner**

**Věra Jourová**

*Justice, Consumers  
& Gender Equality*

**Commissioner**

**Günther Oettinger**

*Budget & Human Resources*

**Commissioner**

**Pierre Moscovici**

*Economic & Financial Affairs,  
Taxation & Customs*

**Commissioner**

**Marianne Thyssen**

*Employment, Social Affairs,  
Skills & Labour Mobility*

**Commissioner**

**Corina Crețu**

*Regional Policy*

**Commissioner**

**Johannes Hahn**

*European Neighbourhood Policy  
& Enlargement Negotiations\**

**Commissioner**

**Dimitris Avramopoulos**

*Migration, Home Affairs  
& Citizenship*

**Commissioner**

**Vytienis Andriukaitis**

*Health & Food Safety*

**Commissioner**

**Elżbieta Bieńkowska**

*Internal Market, Industry,  
Entrepreneurship & SMEs*

**Commissioner**

**Miguel Arias Cañete**

*Climate Action & Energy*

**Commissioner**

**Neven Mimica**

*International Cooperation  
& Development*

**Commissioner**

**Margrethe Vestager**

*Competition*

**Commissioner**

**Julian King**

*Security Union*

**Commissioner**

**Violeta Bulc**

*Transport*

**Commissioner**

**Cecilia Malmström**

*Trade*

**Commissioner**

**Kamenu Vella**

*Environment, Maritime Affairs  
& Fisheries*

**Commissioner**

**Tibor Navracsics**

*Education, Culture,  
Youth & Sport*

**Commissioner**

**Carlos Moedas**

*Research, Science  
& Innovation*

**Commissioner**

**Phil Hogan**

*Agriculture  
& Rural Development*

**Commissioner**

**Christos Stylianides**

*Humanitarian Aid  
& Crisis Management*

**Commissioner**

**Mariya Gabriel**

*Digital Economy & Society*

*\*The HRVP may ask this Commissioner  
(and other Commissioners) to deputise  
for her in areas related to Commission  
competence.*



# The European Commission

- **DG MARE**
- **propose new laws**

COMMISSIONER (2014-2019)

**Karmenu Vella**

Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries



European Commission > Departments and executive agencies >

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL | MARE

## Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

This Commission department is responsible for EU policy on maritime affairs and fisheries.





# “ordinary legislative procedure”



- EC is proposing new laws that will then be discussed and decided upon through a negotiation process called the “ordinary legislative procedure” by the Parliament and Council.



# + European Parliament



- a democratically-elected body
- 751 Members of European Parliament (MEPs) from 28 countries
- thematic committees
- COMMITTEE Fisheries (PECH) – XXX MEPs, eg. Jarosław Wałęsa

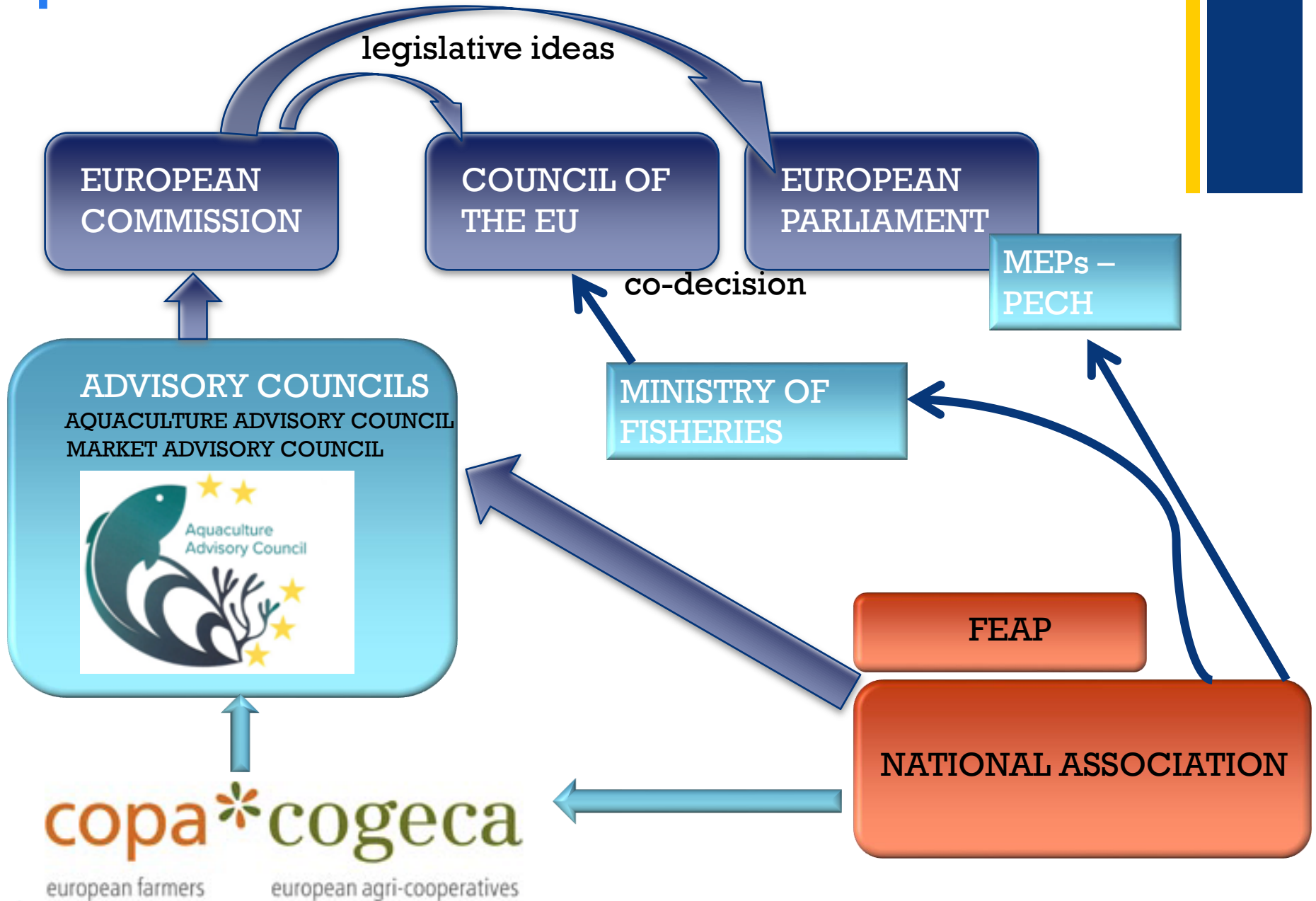


# Council of Ministers (Council of European Union)



- National Ministers responsible for Fisheries and Aquaculture of the 28 Member States
- defend national interests
- key deciders- the Ministers
- meet several times a year depending on the agenda

# + How the EU works





# Influence – is not a single action



- **Relations** - to bring your opinion into the light of the law making process needs time and effort. It is a long process to find the right paths of communication and right people to listen to you.
- **Communication** – right message for the right audience.
- **Preparation** – knowledge of the current law, strategies, particular subject.
  - Preparatory meetings
  - Resolutions
  - Common statements
- **Team work** – use the network of competences. Have in mind that the solutions you propose will influence all producers in 28 countries.

# To effectively influence Brussels

we need **ONE  
COHERENT VOICE**  
of the sector

and **ONE  
COHERENT  
COMMUNICATION**

