

# The European Parliament



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in action**

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# EP Visitor Service

- > **30 000 Visitors per month**
- > Visits in all 24 EU languages
- > Everyone has a right to learn about (and engage in!) EU democracy!





# What is the European Union?





# Peace and prosperity

- > Second World War (1939 – 1945)
- > Schuman declaration (1950)
- > 6 countries establish the European Coal and Steel Community (1952)





# EU countries

- 1952
- 1973
- 1981
- 1986
- 1990
- 1995
- 2004
- 2007
- 2013
- 2020





# EU values

- > **Human dignity**
- > **Freedom**
- > **Democracy**
- > **Equality**
- > **Rule of law**
- > **Human rights**





# Russian aggression against Ukraine





**The EU  
delivers on...**





# Artificial intelligence





# Clean cars





# Pay transparency



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# Functioning of the EU





# Who does what?

## Subsidiarity and Proportionality



### Exclusive

Trade  
Customs  
Competition  
Fisheries  
Monetary



### Shared

Agriculture  
Energy  
Research &  
Innovation  
Environment  
Tourism  
Etc.



### Supporting

Education  
Social security  
Health  
Culture  
Economic Policy  
Foreign Policy  
Etc.



# EU Institutions



European  
Parliament



Council of the  
European Union





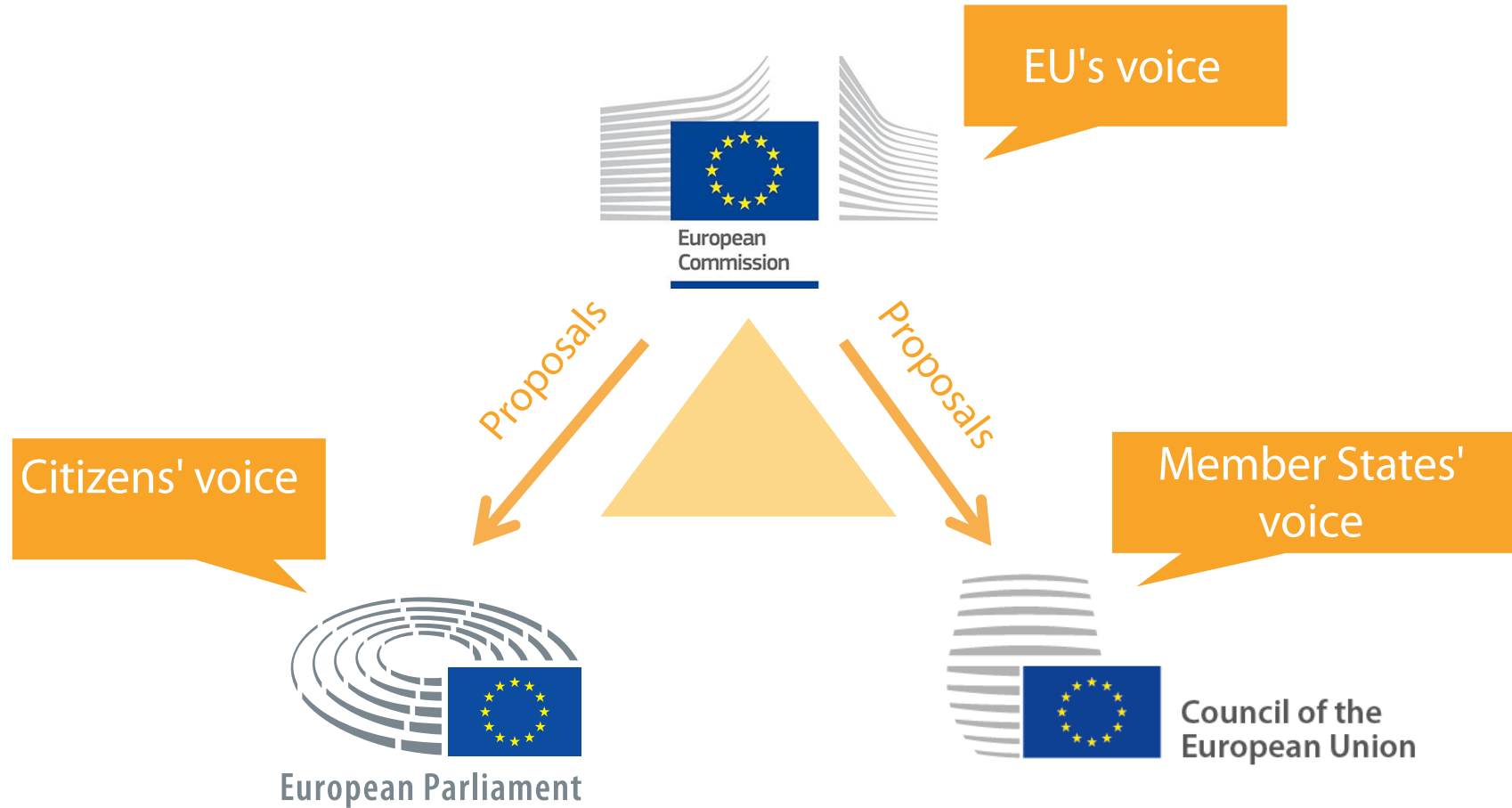
# Powers of the Parliament

- > **Pass new EU laws and propose changes**
- > **Elect the Commission President and approve the European Commission**
- > **Establish the EU budget**





# EU decision making





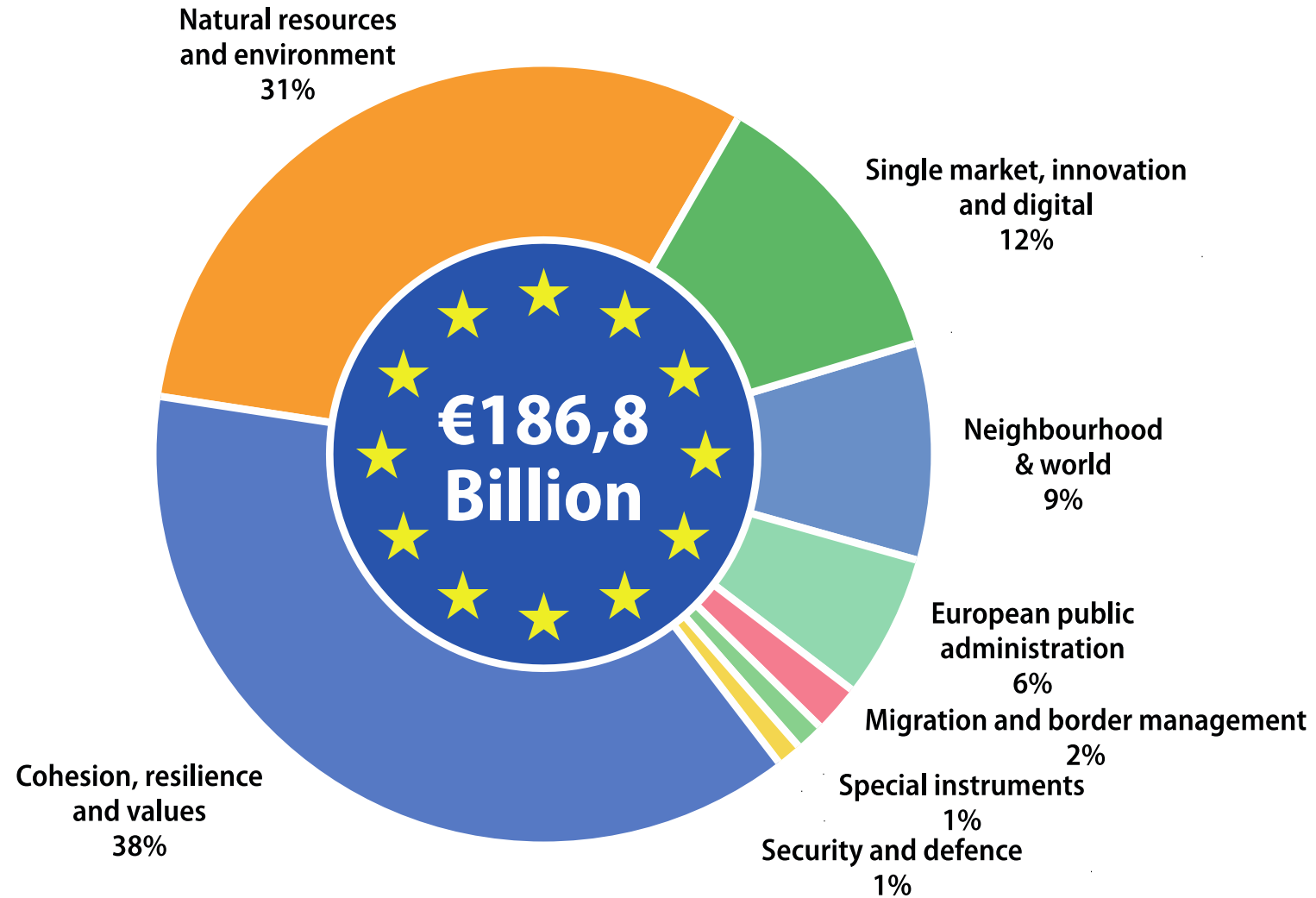
# Who is who?

- **President of the European Parliament**
- **President of the European Commission**
- **President of the European Council**



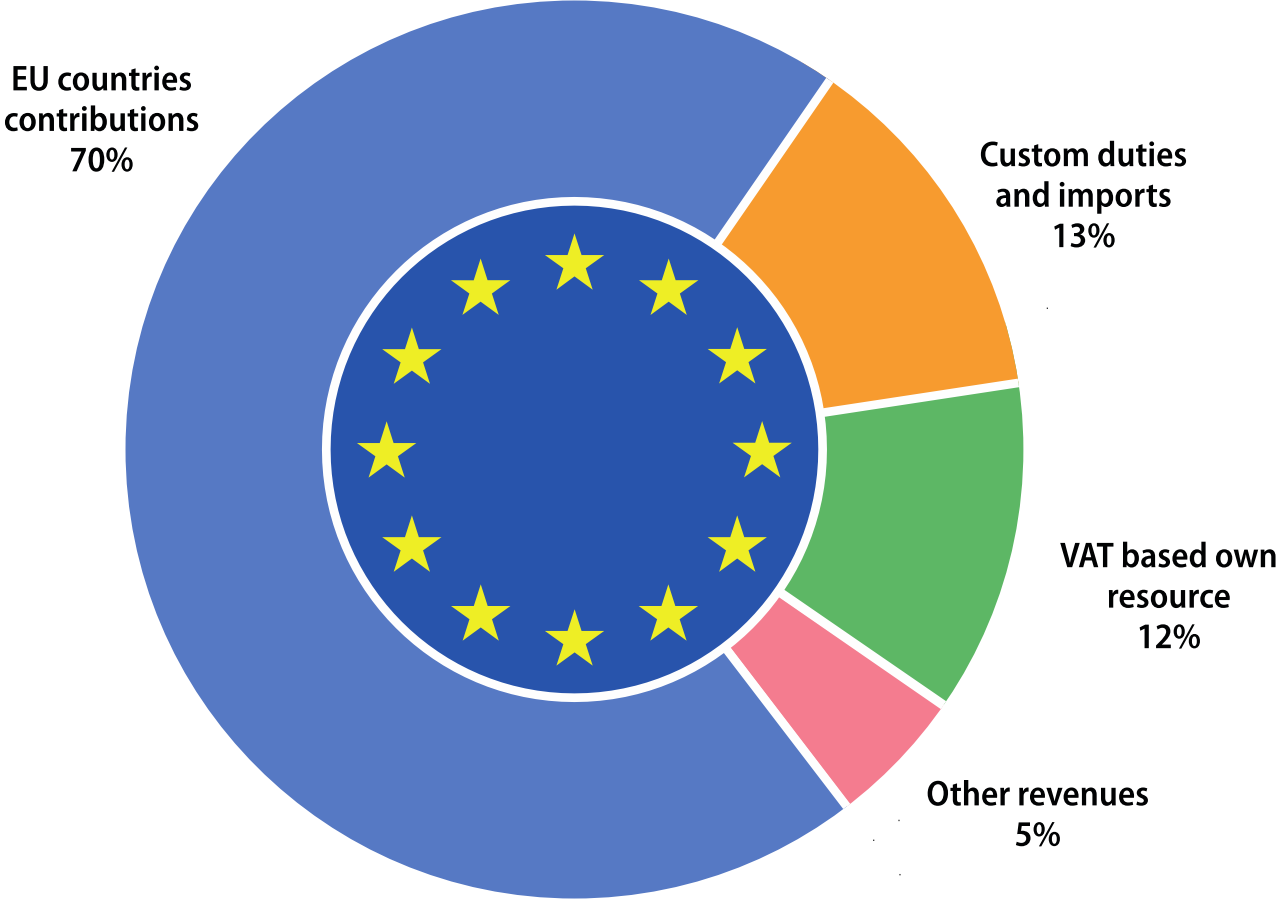


# EU budget 2023





# Where does the money come from?



EU Multi-annual budget 2021 - 2027




























# Inside the European Parliament





# 705 seats

96		Germany	21		Greece	13		Ireland
79		France	21		Hungary	12		Croatia
76		Italy	21		Portugal	11		Lithuania
59		Spain	21		Sweden	8		Latvia
52		Poland	19		Austria	8		Slovenia
33		Romania	17		Bulgaria	7		Estonia
29		Netherlands	14		Denmark	6		Cyprus
21		Belgium	14		Finland	6		Luxemburg
21		Czech Republic	14		Slovakia	6		Malta



# Political groups



Group of the Greens/  
European Free Alliance



Renew Europe Group



Group of the European People's  
Party (Christian Democrats)



Group of the Progressive  
Alliance of Socialists  
and Democrats in the  
European Parliament



The Left in the  
European Parliament

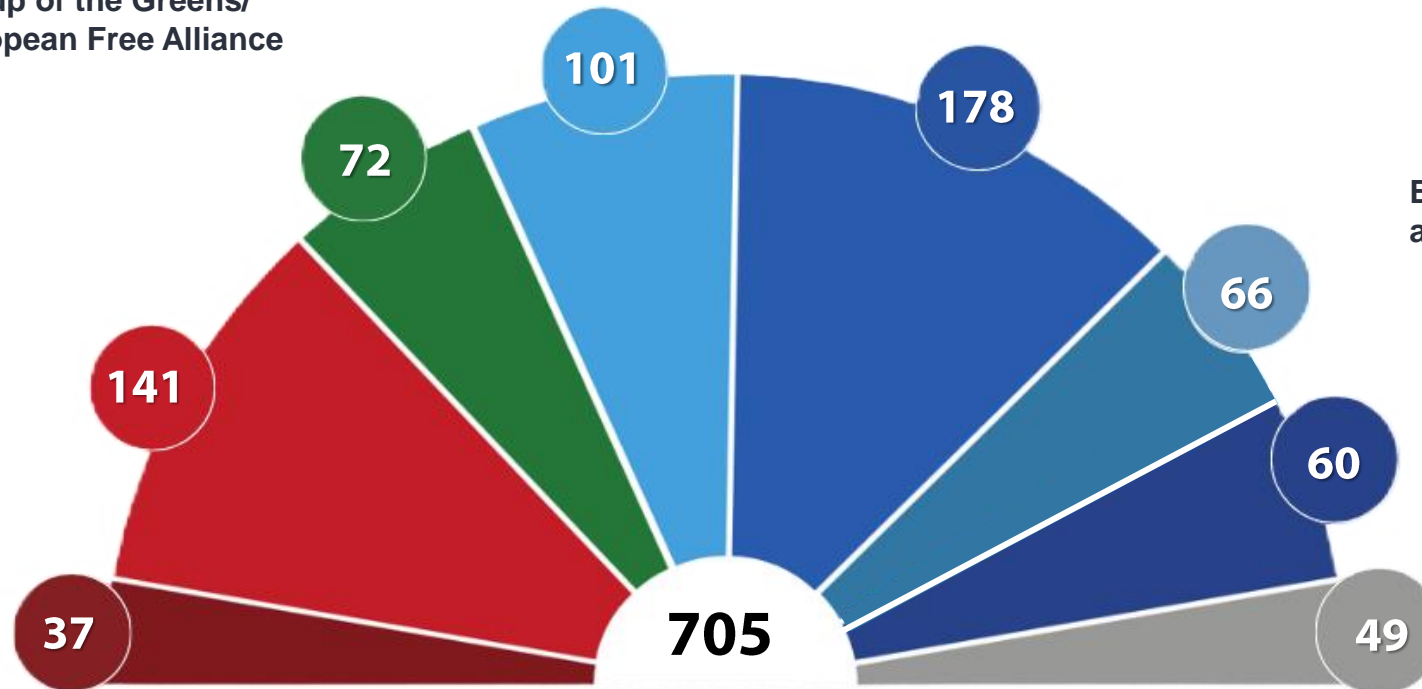


European Conservatives  
and Reformists Group



Identity and Democracy  
Group

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# Parliamentary committees





20 standing committees

4 sub-committees

special committees

MEPS

79	AFET	Foreign Affairs			
		30	DROI	Human Rights	SEDE 30 Security & Defence
26	DEVE	Development			
43	INTA	International Trade			
41	BUDG	Budgets			
30	CONT	Budgetary Control			
61	ECON	Economic and Monetary Affairs			
		30	FISC	Tax matters	
55	EMPL	Employment and Social Affairs			
88	ENVI	Environment, Public Health & Food Safety			
		30	SANT	Public Health	
76	ITRE	Industry, Research and Energy			
45	IMCO	Internal Market and Consumer Protection			
49	TRAN	Transport and Tourism			

MEPs

43	REGI	Regional Development
48	AGRI	Agriculture and Rural Development
28	PECH	Fisheries
31	CULT	Culture and Education
25	JURI	Legal Affairs
69	LIBE	Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
28	AFCO	Constitutional Affairs
37	FEMM	Women's Rights and Gender Equality
35	PETI	Petitions

# Calendar

## 2023

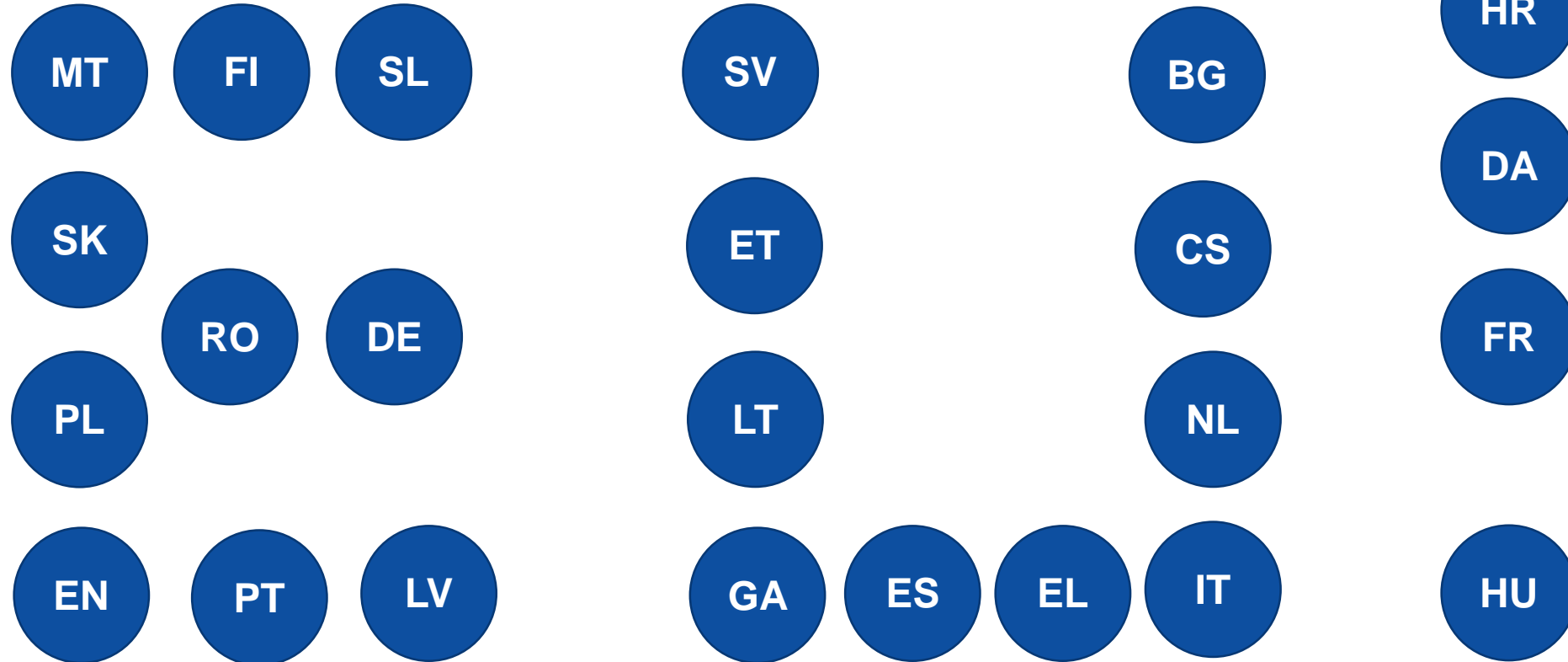


- Plenary session
- Committee meetings
- External parliamentary activities
- Political group meetings

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# 24 official languages



# European Elections 2024

June 6-9





# Democracy in action

*“Vote. Do not let someone else  
choose for you.”*

Roberta Metsola,  
President of the European Parliament



# Find out more!

**WHAT  
EUROPE  
DOES  
FOR ME**

**IN  
MY  
REGION**



**IN  
MY  
LIFE**



**IN  
FOCUS**







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for democracy





# The Digital Journey to the European Parliament

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# Universal chargers





# Deforestation





# Platform workers

