PRM legislation process

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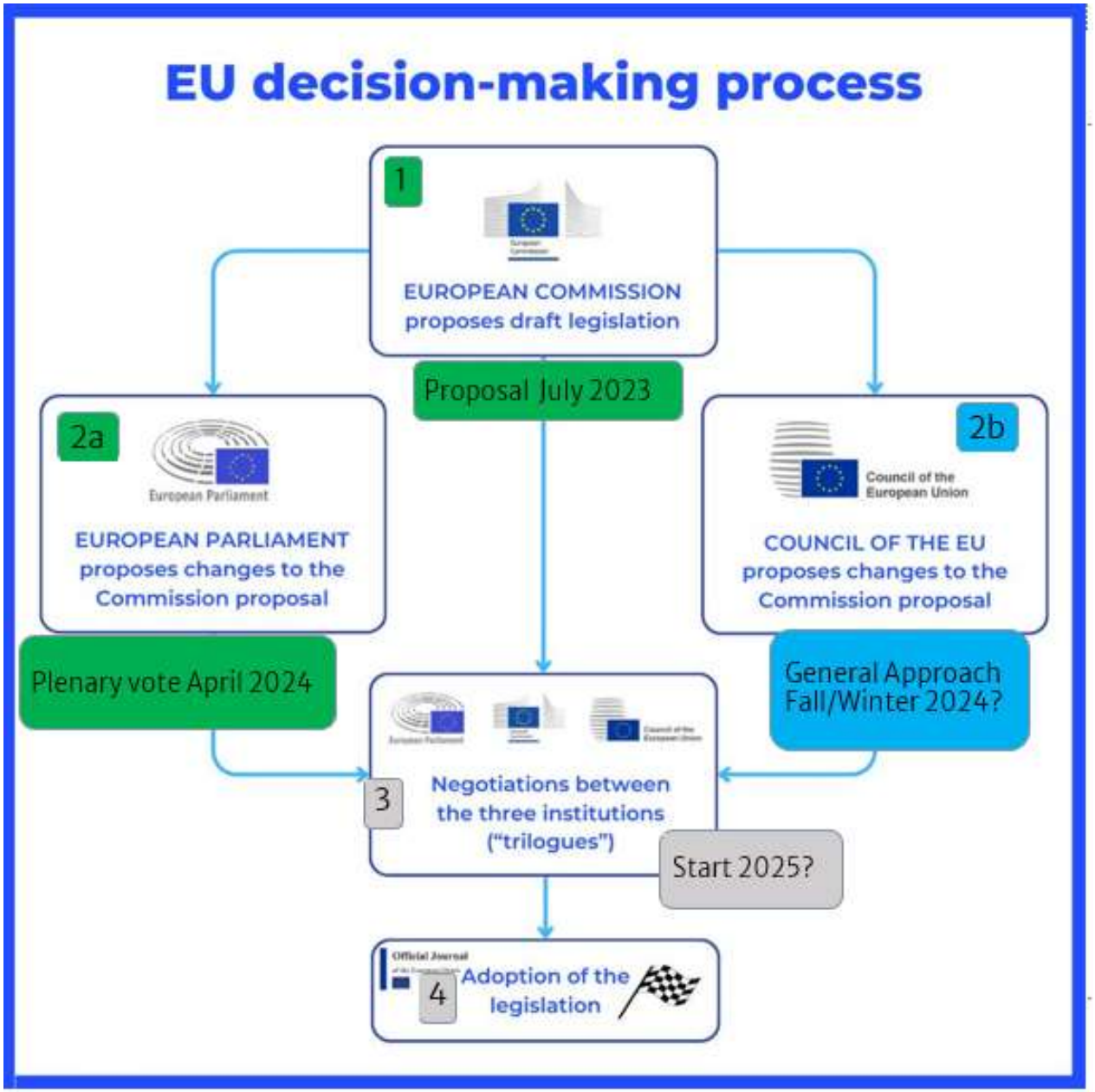

Campaign Raise our forks for diversity

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Raise our forks for diversity!

We are at crossroads for the future of our food: the EU is currently negotiating new rules for the seed market. The current rules, introduced in the 1960s, promote

Sign the petition to EU decision makers!

- The conservation and sustainable use of locally adapted crop diversity is the over-riding priority.
- The human right of farmers and gardeners to harvest, use, exchange and sell their own seeds must be implemented fully.
- The marketing of diverse and locally adapted varieties by regional seed producers must be facilitated.
- Newly approved varieties must not be dependent on pesticides or synthetic fertilisers.

Our next goal are **150.000** signatures.

120.949 of **150.000** have signed the petition. Will you help us get 29.051 more?

First name *

Process in the European Parliament

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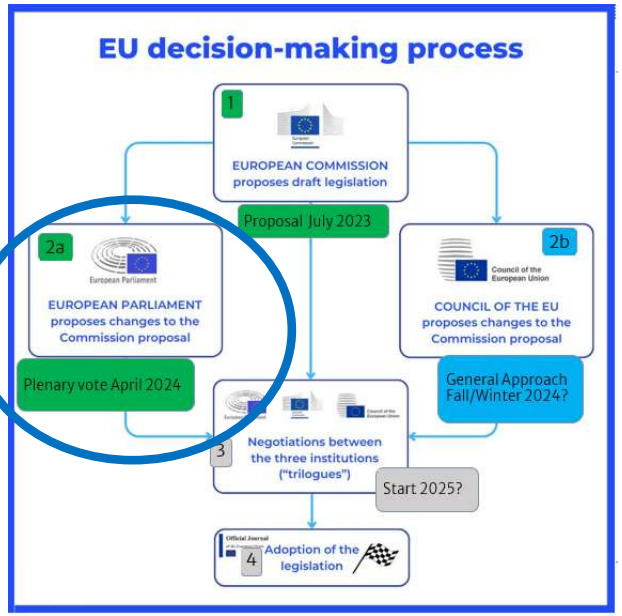
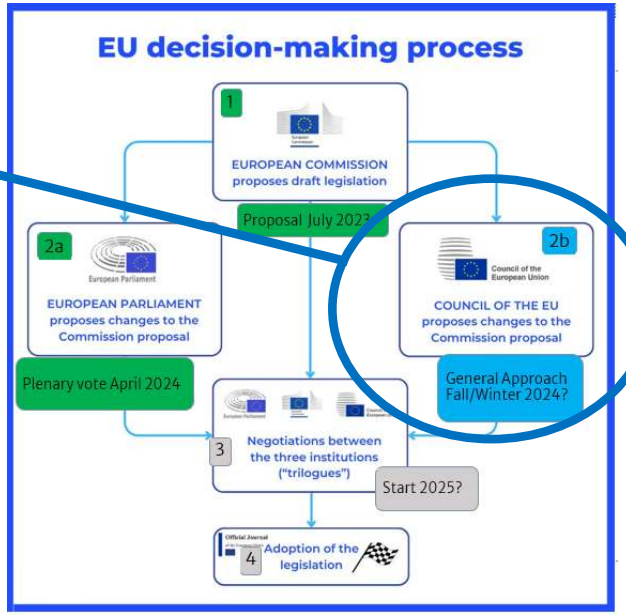


- Jul- Oct 23: Discussions, Informing MEPs
- Nov 23: Public Hearing
- Dec 23: Amendments (nearly 800)
- Jan – Feb 24: Negotiations between Rapporteur and Shadows
- Mar 24: Vote COM ENVI
- Mar 24: Vote COM AGRI
- Apr 24: Vote Plenary

Process in the AGRIFISH Council



- Responsible Preperatory Body:

<u>Working Party on Genetic Resources and Innovation</u>

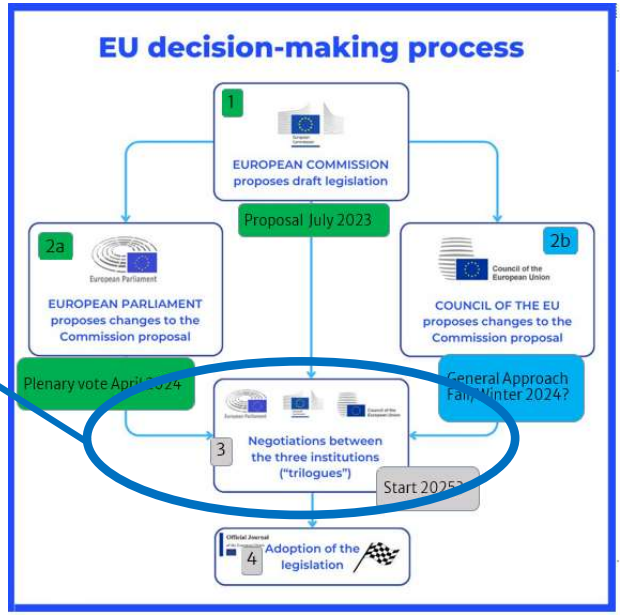
<u>in Agriculture</u>

- Monthly meetings, Going through the proposal article by article
- Stakeholders can approach responsible people in the ministries with feedback on the COM proposal as well as recommendations/reformulations
- Ministry officials bring in their countries position during meetings, after meetings (written) and as feedback to council presidencies proposed texts

There is no general approach yet – feedback can still be fed in

Very unclear how council position on conservation work will be – need for more information on conservation work in many countries!

Trilogue



- Once Council has agreed on General Approach
- Start Beginning of 2025?
- Negotiations between European Parliament, AGRIFISH Council and European Commission to agree on final version of regulation
    - Compromises between different positions
- Both European Parliament and AGRIFISH Council need to vote on triloge agreement to adopt the legislation

Preliminary Conclusions

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- **Little knowledge about work for the conservation and sustainable use of PGRFA available (EC, MEPs, Ministries)**
    - Eg. often no distincition made between the (highly regulated!) seed marketing and conservation work, as little knowledge on what conservation work is, how it works, ect. available
- Openness/Supportiveness for the topic **once explained properly** in the European Parliament
    - Eg. Beans action at hearing
    - ECPGR statement „The proposed EU Regulation on Plant Reproductive Material clashes with the provisions of the FAO International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture and the Global Plan of Action"
    - Many individual meetings
- Rational of European Commission: Keep (nearly) everything within the scope!
- **Without convincing both Ministries and the the European Commission about the importance of conservation work, it will most likely be restricted by new PRM regulation – the Parliament alone not enough!**

How to secure a good result

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Further awareness raising on the importance of the conservation and sustainable use of PGR & why marketing rules and administrative burden are a threat – only if decision makers know what is needed they can take it into account!

Possible actions:

European Level

- Joint letter to European Commission
- Participation in event on PRM reform in European Parliament in the autumn
- Webinar or event for negotiators in Brussels

National level

- Reach out to national representative(s) in Council Working Group to inform about concerns regarding conservation
- Informing via own channels (social media, newsletter, …)
- Media work on risk to conservation presented by draft proposal

Individual level

- Sign and share petition: www.raiseourforks.org