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3. 3. Interactions and dynamics between EU institutions in environmental policy-making



3. 1. The European Parliament, European Council, and European Commission: roles and functions

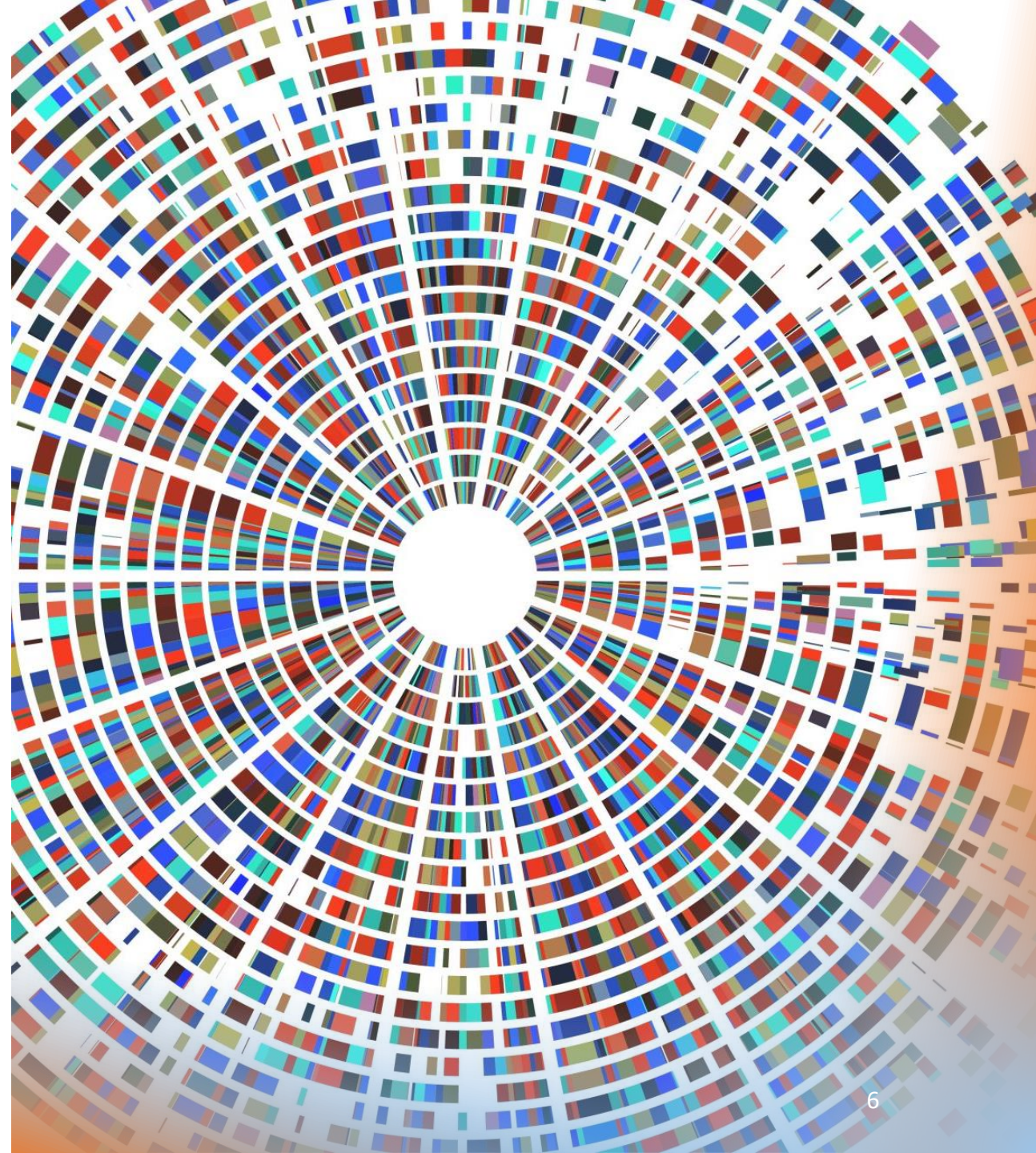
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3.1.1. The European Parliament (EP)

- Role and functions of the European Parliament in the EU's legislative process
- Composition, election process, and representation of MEPs (Members of the European Parliament)
- The EP's role in shaping environmental policies and regulations





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European Climate Law: EU Parliament backs overhaul of Europe's biggest climate policy

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UyjRRfeXTH4&ab_channel=WION



3.1.2. The European Council

- Role of the European Council as a key decision-making body in the EU
- Composition of the European Council and the role of heads of state or government
- The European Council's involvement in setting strategic priorities for the EU, including environmental policies



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3.1.3. The European Commission



The European Commission as the EU's
executive branch and administrative body



Appointment of Commissioners and their
responsibilities, including the Commissioner
for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries



The Commission's role in proposing legislation,
implementing policies, and enforcing EU
environmental regulations

Strategic Foresight Report of European Commission

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3.1.4. The Council of the European Union



Role of the Council of the European Union in
the legislative process and policy-making



Different configurations of the Council,
including the Environment Council responsible
for environmental policy discussions



Decision-making procedures within the
Council and the adoption of environmental
legislation

Spanish Presidency of the Council of EU 1 July-31 December 2023

- Priorities:
 - reindustrialize the EU
 - advance in the green transition
 - promote social and economic justice
 - strengthen European unity



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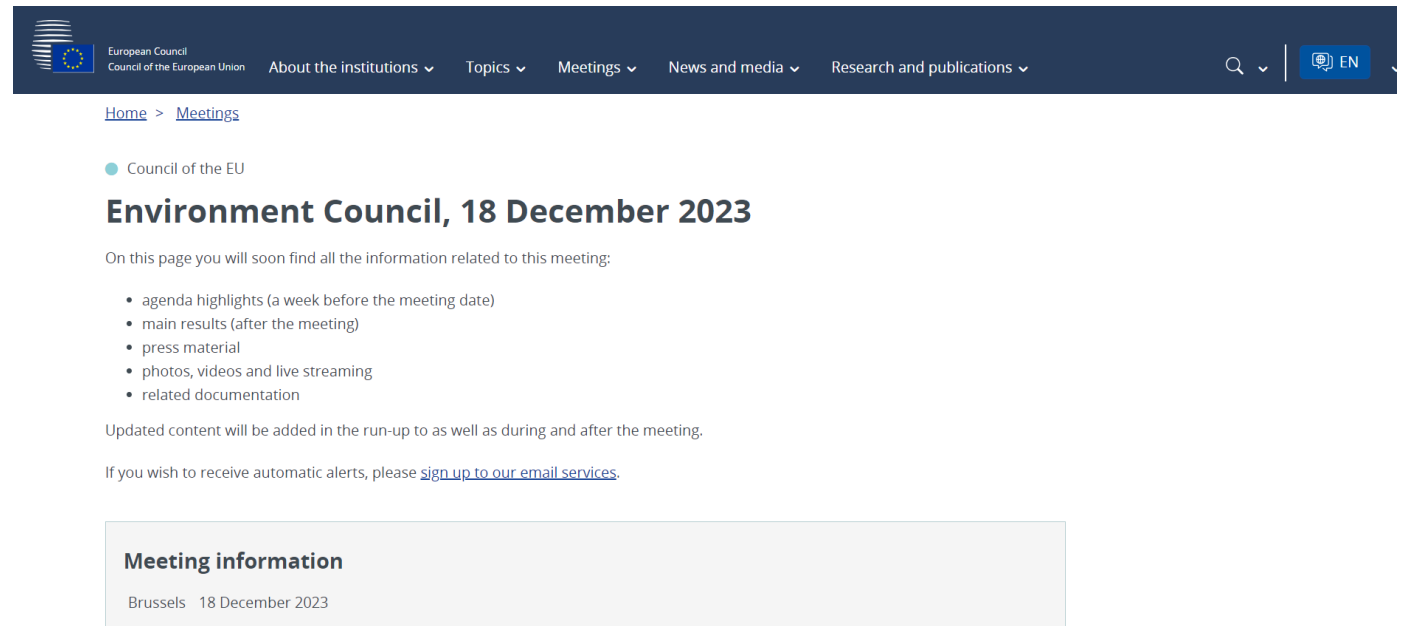
Spanish Presidency website

- <https://spanish-presidency.consilium.europa.eu/en/>

The screenshot shows the website's header with the U23 logo and navigation menus for News, Events, Programme, Presidency, and Media. The main content area features a large article titled "Informal ministerial meeting on competitiveness (Space)" dated 7 November 2023. The article is accompanied by a photo of the Giralda tower in Sevilla. Below the main article, there are three smaller image thumbnails: one showing hands shaking, one showing a rocket launch, and one showing the logo for "FORO I+D+C EUROPA FUTURA".

ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL of EUROPEAN UNION

- Next meeting – 18th of
December



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the European Council website, including the logo and menu items like 'About the institutions', 'Topics', 'Meetings', 'News and media', and 'Research and publications'. Below the navigation, there is a breadcrumb trail 'Home > Meetings' and a sub-section 'Council of the EU'. The main heading is 'Environment Council, 18 December 2023'. A paragraph states: 'On this page you will soon find all the information related to this meeting:'. A bulleted list follows: 'agenda highlights (a week before the meeting date)', 'main results (after the meeting)', 'press material', 'photos, videos and live streaming', and 'related documentation'. Below the list, it says 'Updated content will be added in the run-up to as well as during and after the meeting.' and 'If you wish to receive automatic alerts, please [sign up to our email services](#).' At the bottom, there is a grey box titled 'Meeting information' with the text 'Brussels 18 December 2023'.



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Environment Council configuration (ENV)

- The Environment Council is responsible for EU environment policy, including environmental protection, prudent use of resources and the protection of human health. It also deals with international environmental issues, especially in the area of climate change.
- It is made up of ministers responsible for matters specifically relating to the environment. The European Commission is represented in meetings by both the Commissioner for the environment and the Commissioner for climate action.
- There are about four Environment Council meetings a year.

Meetings of ENV:

- Future meetings 18 December, under the Spanish presidency of Council of EU
- Example of ENV meeting:
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdOPbZvnTjI&ab_channel=EU2017EE



Environment policy:

- In its role as a policy-maker, the Council is responsible for the adoption, together with the European Parliament, of ambitious environmental legislation that protects natural habitats, keeps air and water clean, ensures proper waste disposal, improves knowledge about toxic chemicals and helps businesses move towards a sustainable economy.
- It also makes sure that environmental aspects are properly integrated into other EU policies, such as industry, agriculture, transport, energy and services.
- At international level, the EU and its member states strive to ensure that the EU's environmental standards are reflected in international environmental and climate change agreements.
- The Council is responsible for preparing EU positions for international conferences and climate change negotiations.

EU environmental policy explained:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NudwLsEnA0s&ab_channel=KarlLonsdalePrimus



Towards a greener and more sustainable Europe

- EU citizens benefit from some of the highest environmental standards in the world.
- The EU and national governments have set clear objectives to guide European environment policy until 2020 and a vision beyond that, of where to be by 2050, with the support of dedicated research programmes, legislation and funding:
 - protect, conserve and enhance the EU's natural capital
 - turn the EU into a resource-efficient, green, and competitive low-carbon economy
 - safeguard EU citizens from environment-related pressures and risks to health and wellbeing



EU environmental priorities:

- EU policy protects the environment and seeks to minimize risks to climate, human health and biodiversity.
- The European Green Deal aims to make Europe:
 - the world's first climate-neutral continent, in part by
 - developing cleaner sources of energy and green technologies.



Environment is a priority for cohesion policy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHmXCW-gEs0&ab_channel=FRANCE24English
1/31/2024



3.2. The European Environment Agency (EEA) and Other Relevant Agencies



Functions and responsibilities of the European Environment Agency in providing environmental information and assessments



Overview of other EU agencies relevant to environmental decision-making (e.g., European Chemicals Agency, European Maritime Safety Agency)



Collaborative efforts between agencies, institutions, and member states in environmental policy implementation



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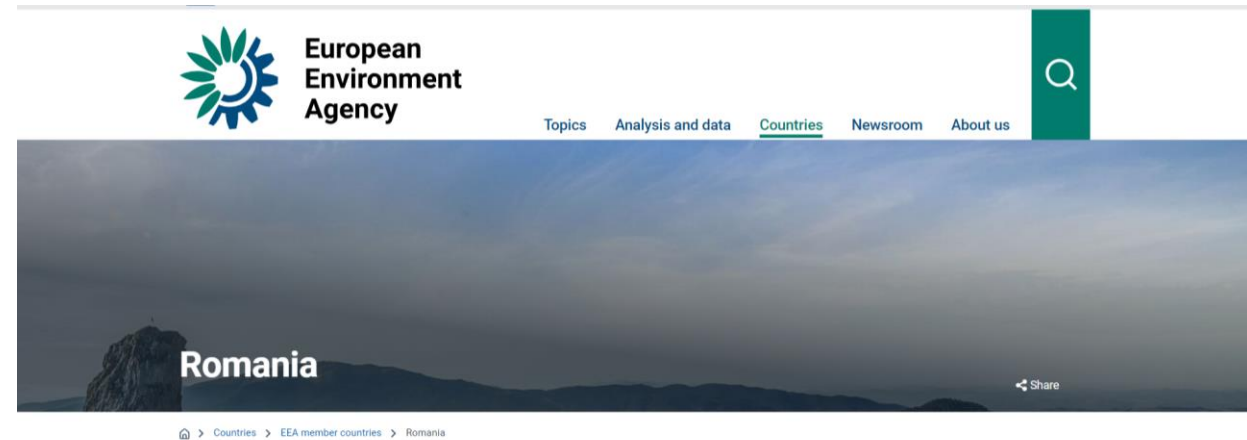


European Environment Agency

- <https://www.eea.europa.eu/en>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the European Environment Agency website. The browser's address bar shows the URL 'europa.eu/en'. The website header includes the EEA logo and the text 'European Environment Agency'. A navigation menu contains links for 'Topics', 'Analysis and data', 'Countries', 'Newsroom', and 'About us'. The main content area features a large banner with the headline: 'EU's greenhouse gas emissions dropped last year, but accelerated efforts are still needed to meet ambitious 2030 climate and energy targets.' Below the headline is a button labeled 'More in our press release'. The background image of the banner shows a landscape with wind turbines. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and a search bar.

Data for Romania



The screenshot shows the EEA website interface for Romania. At the top left is the EEA logo and the text "European Environment Agency". To the right is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for "Topics", "Analysis and data", "Countries" (which is underlined), "Newsroom", and "About us". The main content area features a large background image of a landscape with mountains and a cloudy sky. The word "Romania" is prominently displayed in white text over the image. In the bottom right corner of the image area, there is a "Share" button. Below the image is a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Countries > EEA member countries > Romania".

On this page you find all EEA content that is exclusively about Romania. Other products which contain information on Romania, among others, may be found through our [advanced search](#).



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European Chemicals Agency

- <https://echa.europa.eu/>

The screenshot shows the ECHA website homepage. At the top, it says "An agency of the European Union" and "English (en)". The ECHA logo is prominent, with "EUROPEAN CHEMICALS AGENCY" below it. Navigation links include "About Us", "Contact", "Jobs", and a search bar "Search the ECHA Website". A main menu has "LEGISLATION", "CONSULTATIONS", "INFORMATION ON CHEMICALS", and "SUPPORT".

The "Search our data" section includes a checkbox for "I have read and I accept the legal notice" and a search input field with the example text "e.g. Formaldehyde, or 200-001-8 or 50-00-0, or 605-001-00-5". There is a "Search for chemicals" button and an "ADVANCED SEARCH" link.

Below this is a section for "Search for articles (products) in SCIP database" with a "Search SCIP database" button.

On the right, there is a maintenance notice: "Some of our IT applications and systems are due to undergo maintenance. Read more about their availability". Below that are social media icons for Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, and YouTube, with buttons for "Read ECHA Weekly news" and "Subscribe to our news".

At the bottom, there is a news banner: "ECHA recommends more transparency in the trade of hazardous chemicals" dated 25/10/2023. A cookie notice at the very bottom states: "Your cookie preferences have been saved. To change your preferences at any time, see our cookies policy or visit the link in the page footer." with a "Close" button.



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European Maritime Safety Agency

The screenshot shows the EMSA website with a navigation menu and a search bar. The main content area features a news article titled "Reducing greenhouse gas emissions" with a sub-image of a whale breaching the ocean. The article text discusses the European Green Deal's goals for climate neutrality by 2050 and the Fit for 55 package. A date of 14.07.2023 and a link to the full article are provided. Below this, a section for "EMSAFE Report" is partially visible.

- <https://www.emsa.europa.eu/>



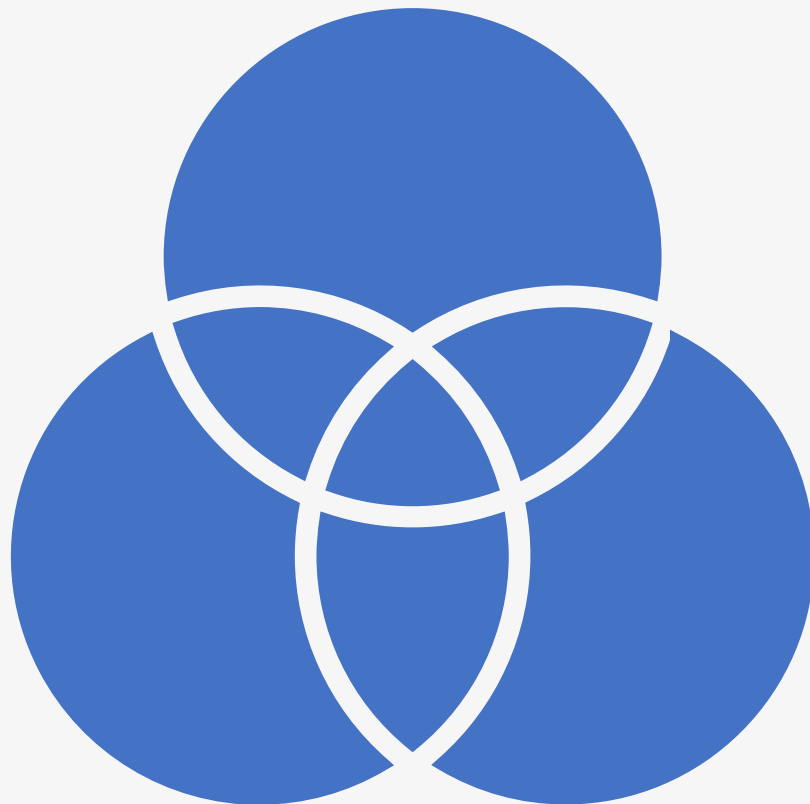
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3.3. Interactions and Dynamics between EU Institutions in Environmental Policy-Making

- Analyzing the interplay between the European Parliament, European Council, European Commission, and Council of the European Union in environmental decision-making
- Understanding the negotiation processes and compromises required to reach consensus on environmental policies
- Case studies illustrating successful examples of cooperation and challenges faced in EU environmental policy formation



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Cooperation for reducing the
climate change effects on EU –
sharing knowledge, developing
a resilient society

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jS0ZIUtsQHg&ab_channel=EuropeanEnvironmentAgency



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Interactive Session: EU Institutional Role- Playing Exercise

- Engaging participants in a role-playing exercise representing different EU institutions involved in environmental decision-making
- Simulating a scenario related to the development of an environmental policy or regulation



Conclusions:

Exploration of the key EU institutions and agencies involved in environmental decision-making is important for a better perspective of the green European future.

Each European institution has roles, functions, and interactions within the EU's legislative process.

The interactive role-playing exercise offered participants a hands-on experience in simulating the dynamics of EU institutional decision-making in the context of environmental policy.