

What « discussion » procedures are imposed on European legislators?

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Since July 2023, EU institutions have been engaged in discussions on the proposal to deregulate many GMOs. These discussions follow an established procedure of negotiations between the Council of the European Union, the European Parliament and the European Commission. Complex but logical, this procedure can sometimes confuse those who follow it. *Inf'OGM* helps you see things more clearly.



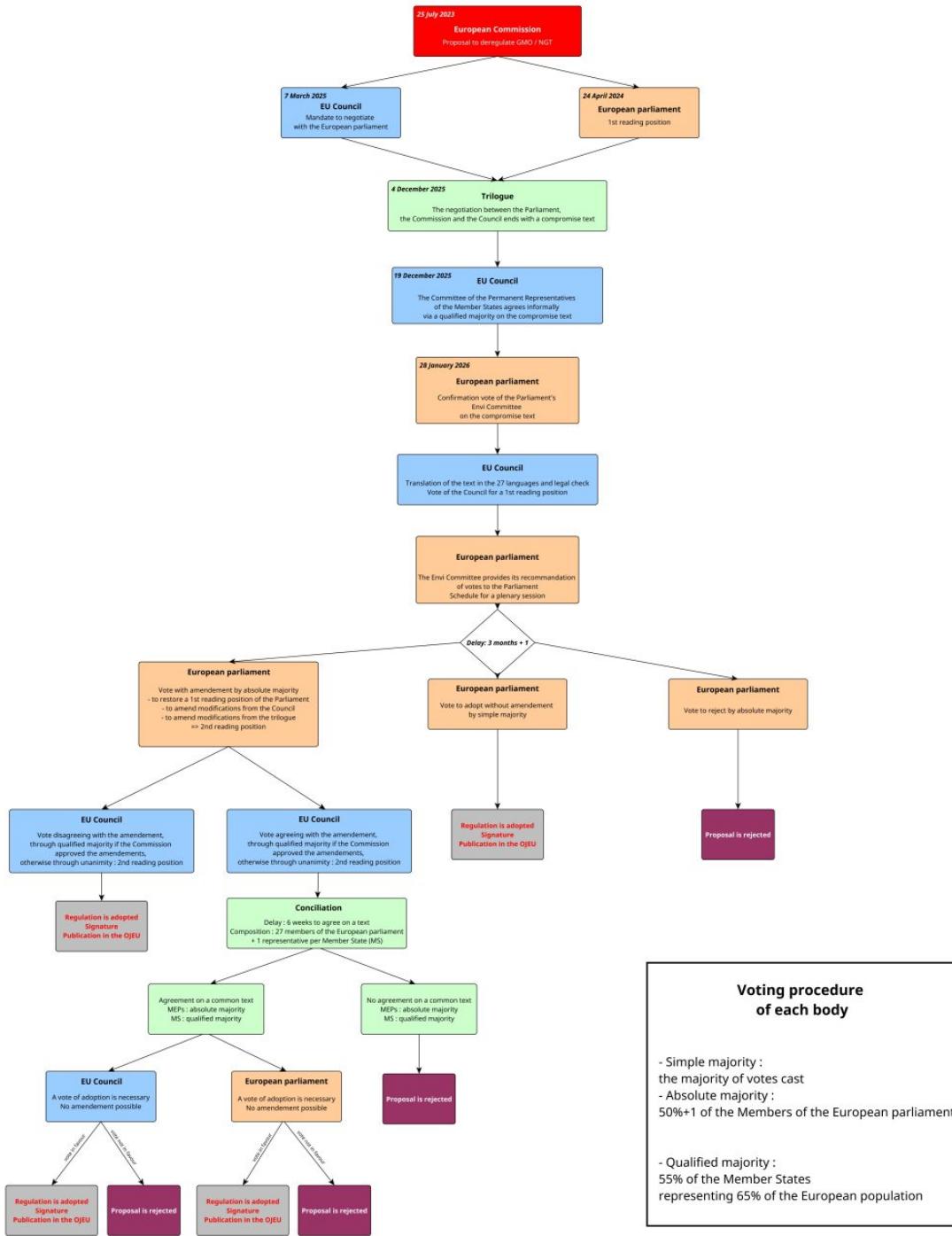
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There are numerous legislative projects that have been initiated by the European Commission over the past two years, as well as those that have already been announced. In areas related to biotechnology, these projects tackle existing legislation aimed at protecting the environment, health and citizens' rights, as Inf'OGM recently pointed out in an opinion piece¹. It is essential to understand how European legislators discuss, exchange views and put forward their own points of view, or at least those of their voters.

Focusing on the work currently underway on the possible deregulation of many GMOs (with key dates already set for the stages that have been completed), *Inf'OGM* has outlined below the step-by-step procedure for the adoption or rejection of European legislation. For a better view of the diagram, you can click on the image. You can also open and download this diagram in PDF format by clicking [here](#).

The work of the European Commission (in red), the Council of the European Union (in blue), the European Parliament (in salmon pink) and the trilogue meetings (in green) are shown in chronological order.

**Procedure
for the adoption or rejection of the European Commission's proposal
to deregulate GMOs**



Voting procedure of each body

- Simple majority : the majority of votes cast
- Absolute majority : 50%+1 of the Members of the European parliament
- Qualified majority : 55% of the Member States representing 65% of the European population

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