



EU Process of Food Standards-Setting

Workshop on Food Standard-Setting in the Arab Region

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28 EU Member States

5 candidates

- Albania
- Turkey
- Serbia
- Montenegro
- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

2 potential

- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Kosovo

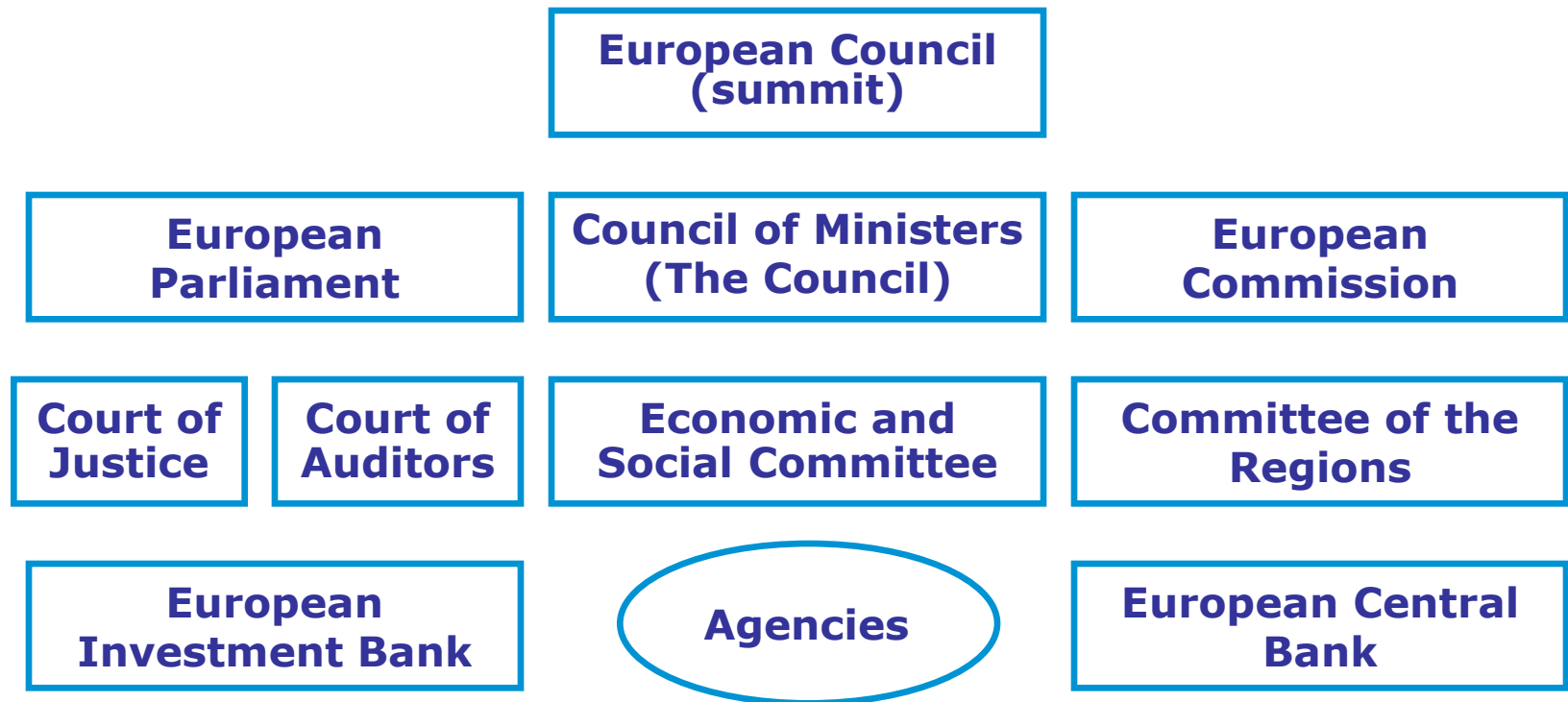


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Candidate countries and potential candidates



The EU institutions - *Who takes the decisions?*





European Court of Justice

EU



Parliament

Council

**European
Commission**

DG SANTE

FVO

EFSA

**National
Government**

**Regulatory
authorities**

**Control
authorities**

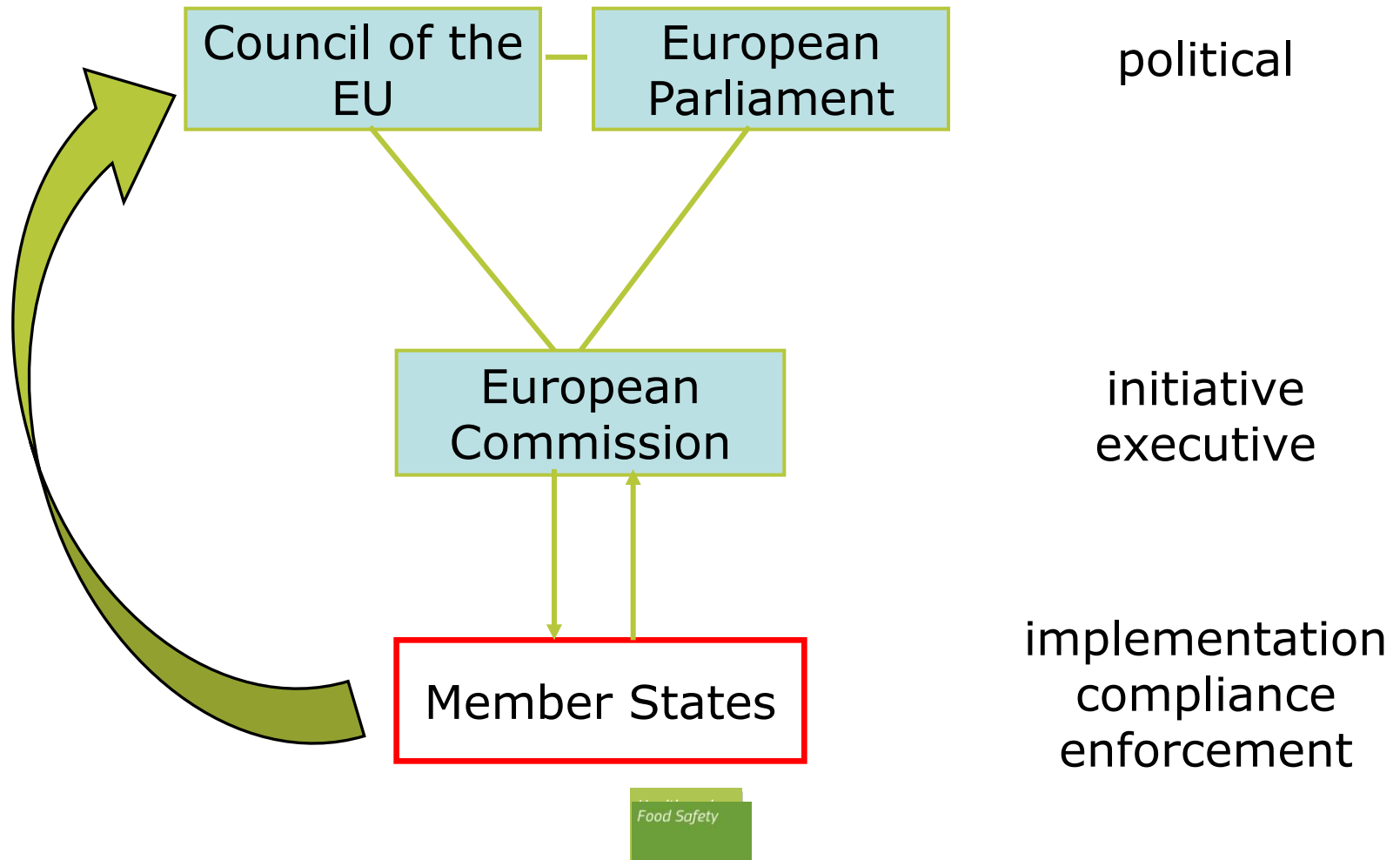
**Assesment
bodies**



**Member
States**



EU power structure: who does what?





EU decision making process - *How EU laws are made?*

Citizens, interest groups, experts: discuss, consult



Commission: makes formal proposal



Parliament and Council of Ministers: decide jointly



National or local authorities: implement



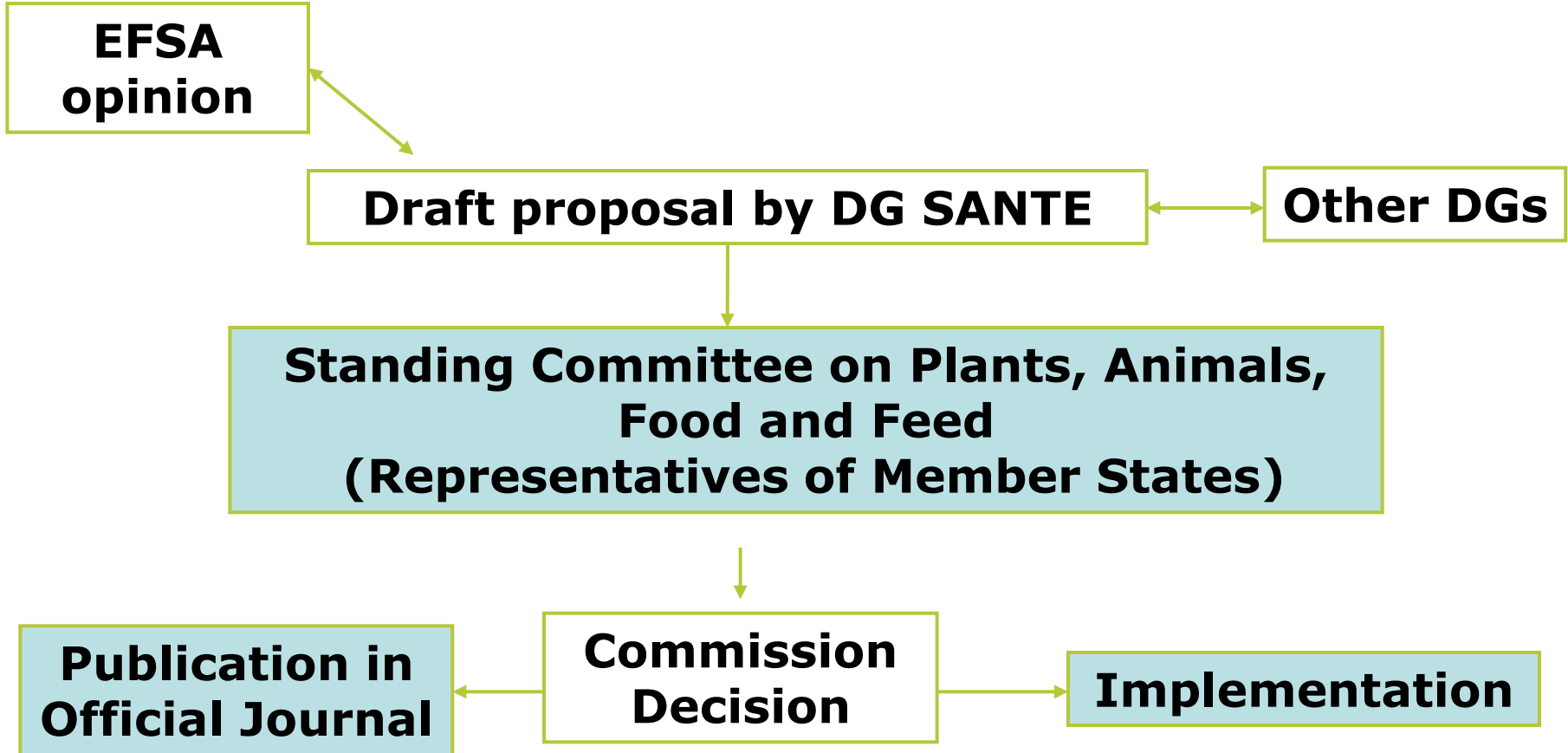
Commission and Court of Justice: monitor implementation

“General Food Law”

Regulation No 178/2002 of 28 January 2002

- **General principles for food safety**
 - **Integrated approach**
 - **Precautionary principle**
 - **Risk analysis**
 - **Responsibility of operators**
 - **Traceability**
- **Setting up the European Food Safety Authority**
- **Setting up a procedure for managing crises**

Food standard-setting in the EU



Codex for the EU

- ❑ *The EU provides an important contribution to activities of Codex Alimentarius, notably in the elaboration of standards*
- ❑ *Codex' work is of paramount importance - since 1995: the CAC has been recognized by WTO's SPS Agreement as the **international reference for food safety***
- ❑ *"To be the preeminent international food standards-setting body to protect the health of consumers and ensure fair practices in the food trade."*

The EU food standards and Codex

- ❑ *The EU general Food law follows the Codex principles of risk analysis*
 - ❑ Risk assessment: European Safety Authority (EFSA)
 - ❑ Risk management: European Commission
- ❑ *No general procedure to adapt to EU legislation: case by case basis*
- ❑ *Importance of Codex standards when drafting EU legislation*



**Thank you
for your attention!**

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TRADE**

**DG
GROW**

Others

Health

**Food
Safety**

EFSA

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Health

Food Safety

Food chain, stakeholders and international relations

Science, stakeholders, enforcement

Multilateral international relations

Bilateral international relations

Food safety programme, emergency funding

Food and feed safety, innovation

Food information & composition, food waste

Food processing technologies and Novel Foods

Biotechnology

Pesticides and biocides

Animal nutrition and veterinary medicines

Health and food safety audits and analysis

Crisis management in food, animals and plants