



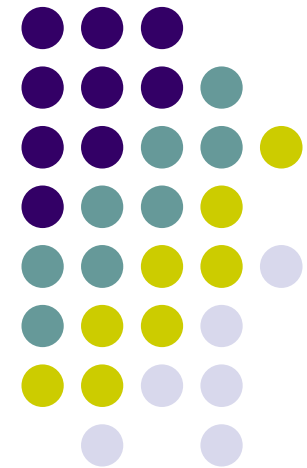
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Democracy





Meaning of democracy

- Components:
 - pluralism
 - majority in decision making
 - representation
 - political rights (participation)
 - publicity
- TEU Art. 6 > TEU-Lisbon Art 2
- European peoples?



Democracy deficit

- Distance
- Dominance of executive power
- Evading democratic mechanisms in decision making
- Lack of transparency
- Weakening of judicial control



Possible solutions

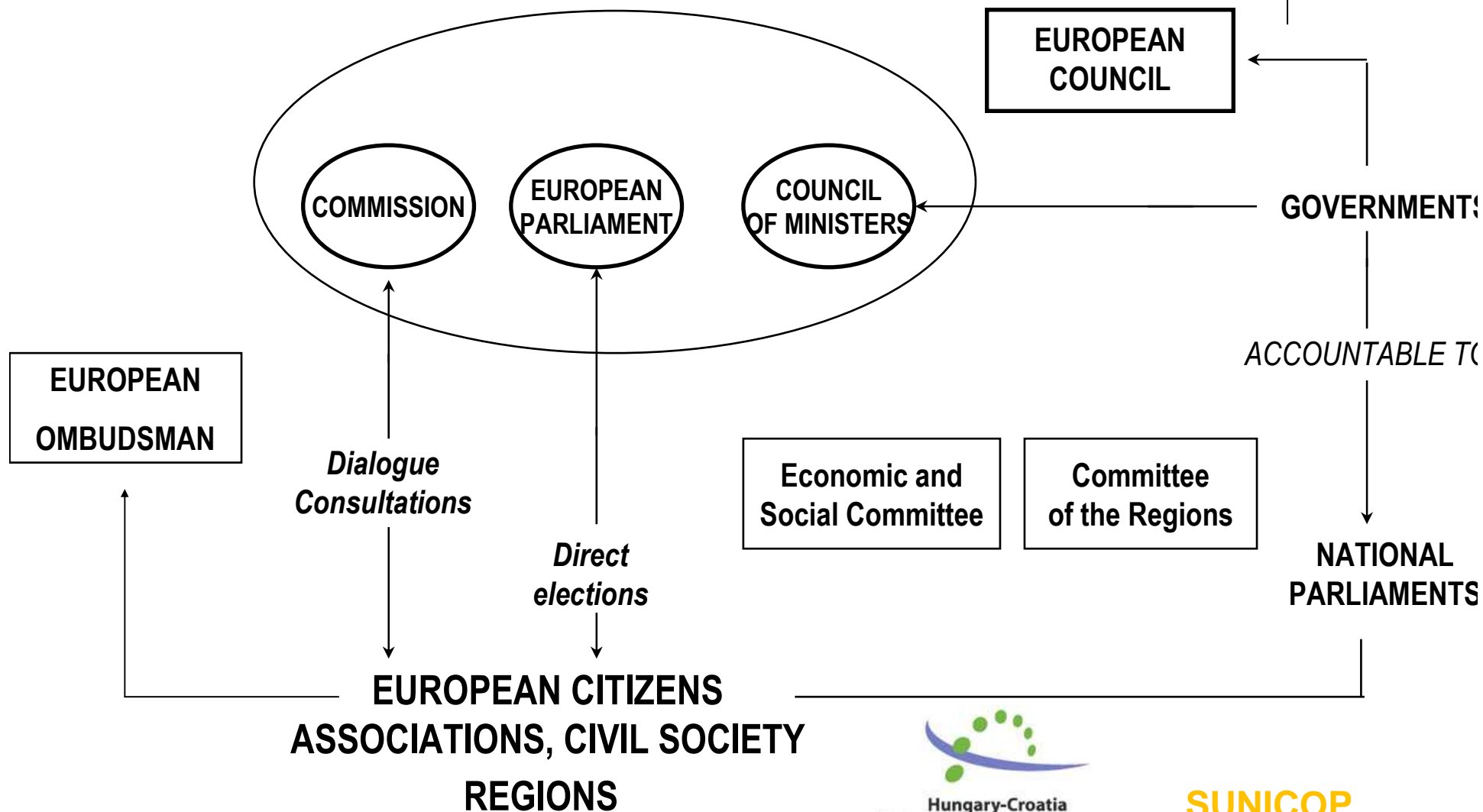
- Analogy (European parliamentary methods)
- Decision making (majority voting)
- Material (emotional) attachment (corporative integration, social rights, union citizenship)
- OR indirect legitimacy (by Member States)



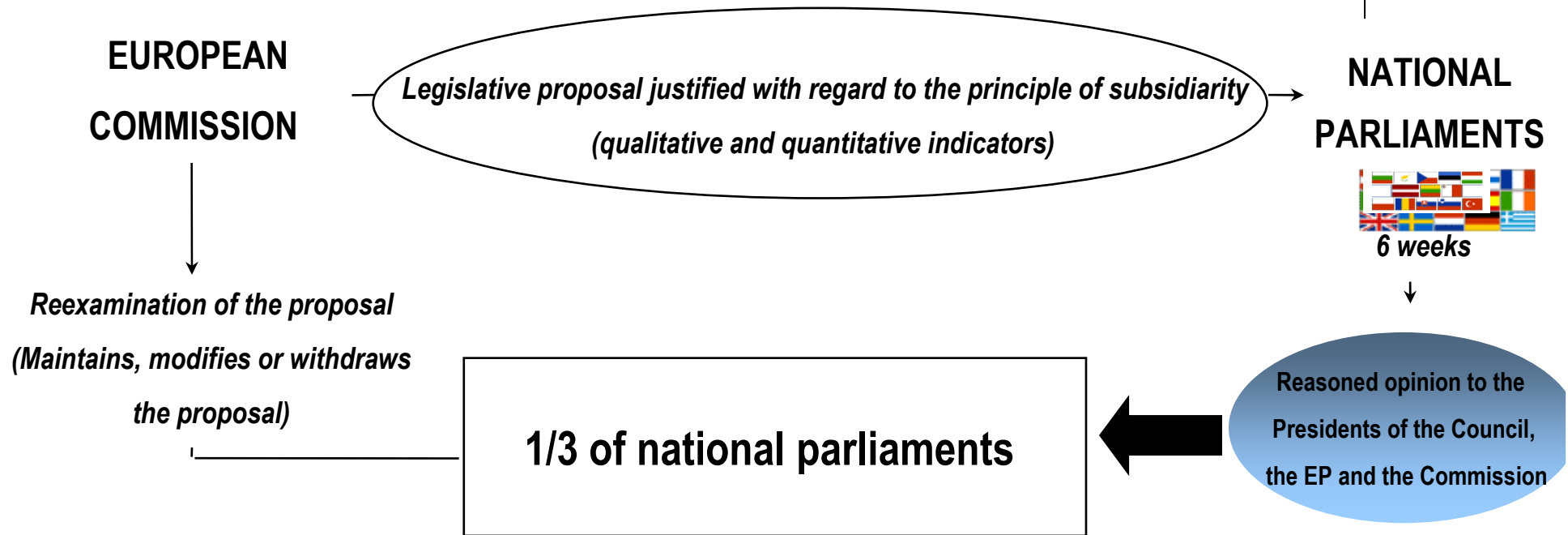
Levels of EU governance

- Intergovernmental level
- Supranational level – community model
- Supranational centralist / ‘infranational’
- New guaranties in European Constitution
 - Equality of citizens, democratic participation, Ombudsman, parties, churches
 - Transparency, data protection, unified rules for EP elections, role of national parliaments

THE EUROPEAN UNION AND DEMOCRACY



INVOLVEMENT OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS



•Lisbon Treaty changes!

•More time (8 weeks) for discussion, no efficient objection