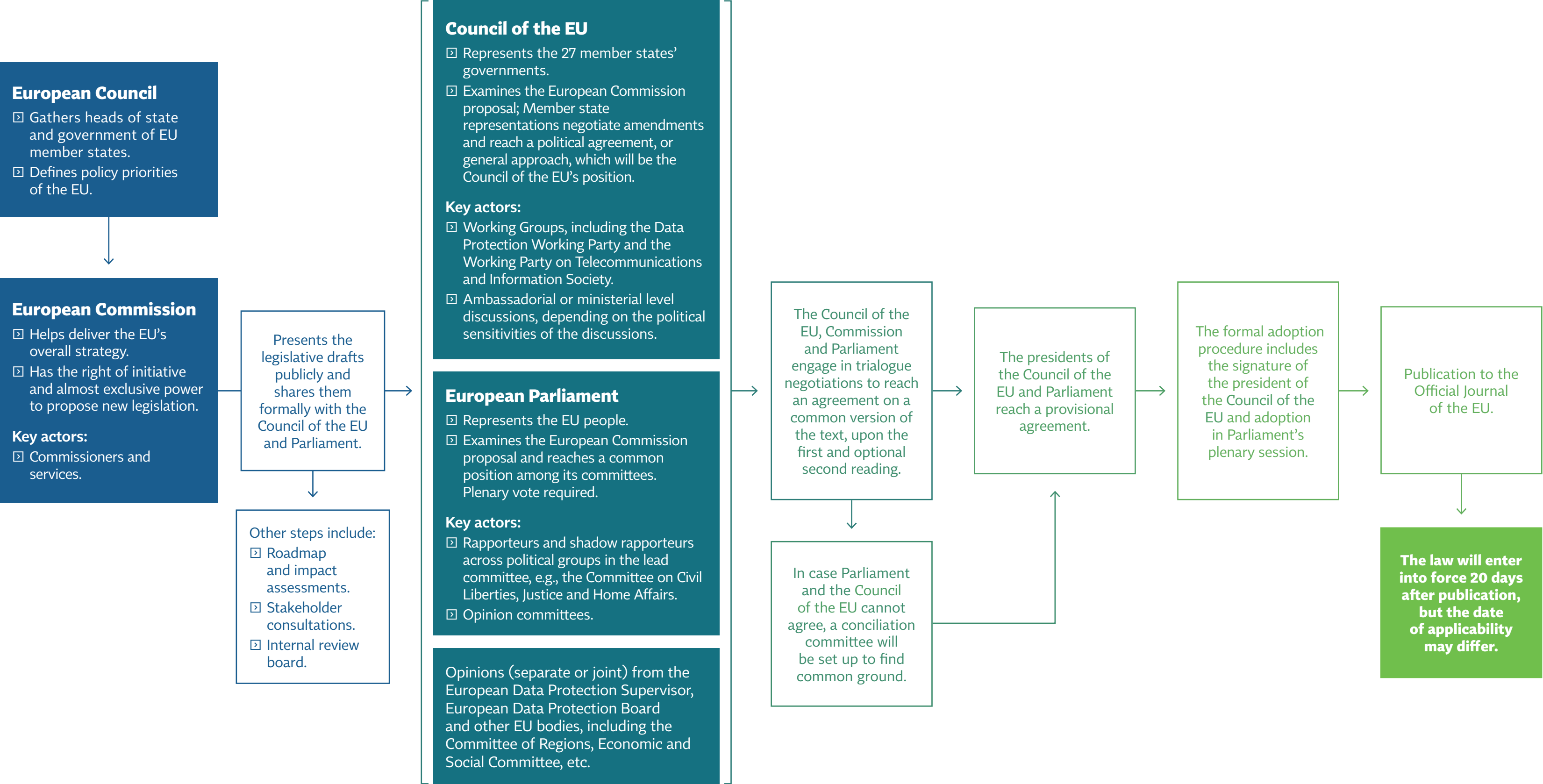


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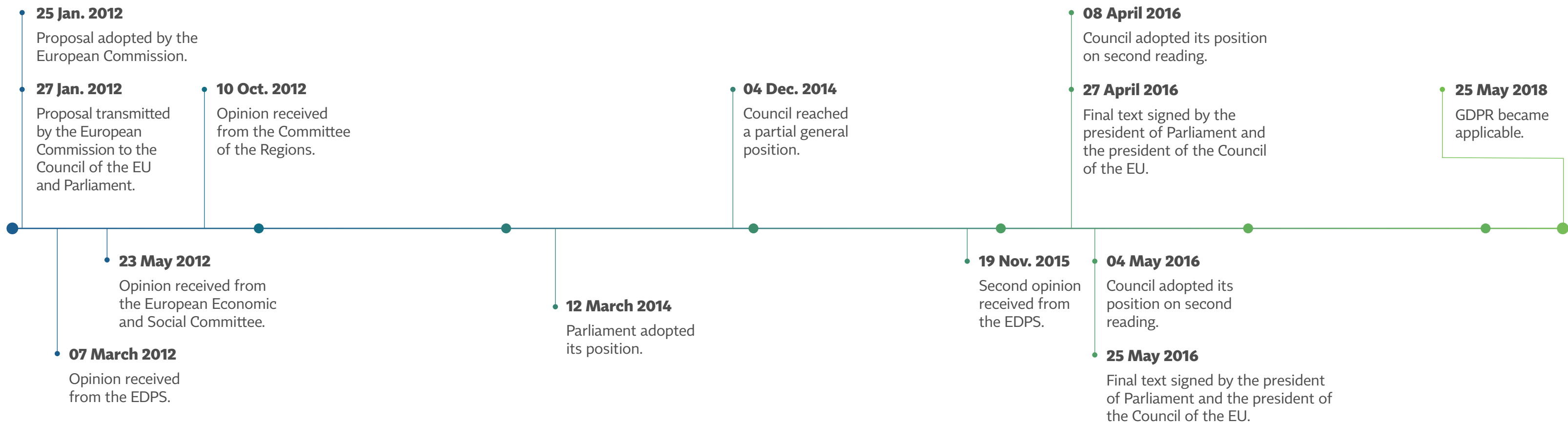
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This chart describes the main steps of the codecision procedure, the most common decision-making procedure among EU Institutions. For more details, please refer to official EU websites. An illustrative timeline of the EU General Data Protection Regulation process, additional resources and glossary can be found on the following page.



Timeline of the EU General Data Protection Regulation process

A more detailed timeline is available [here](#).



Glossary

- ☐ **Directive:** Adopted at EU level but needs to be transposed into national law.
- ☐ **Regulation:** Directly applicable but may be complemented by secondary (technical) legislation.
- ☐ **General approach:** Political agreement is reached by member states at the European Council.
- ☐ **Ordinary legislative procedure:** Joint adoption of legislative acts by European Parliament and the Council of the European Union, in general following a proposal from the European Commission.
- ☐ **Triilogue:** Informal tripartite meetings on legislative proposals between representatives of Parliament, the European council and the European commission, in order to reach a provisional agreement on a legislative proposal.

Additional resources

- ☐ [IAPP European Institutions Privacy Stakeholder Map](#)
- ☐ [Types of EU legislation](#)
- ☐ [Interinstitutional negotiations for the adoption of EU legislation](#)
- ☐ [European Strategy for Data – Overview of New Regulations](#)