

# (How) does European migration policy making use evaluation findings?

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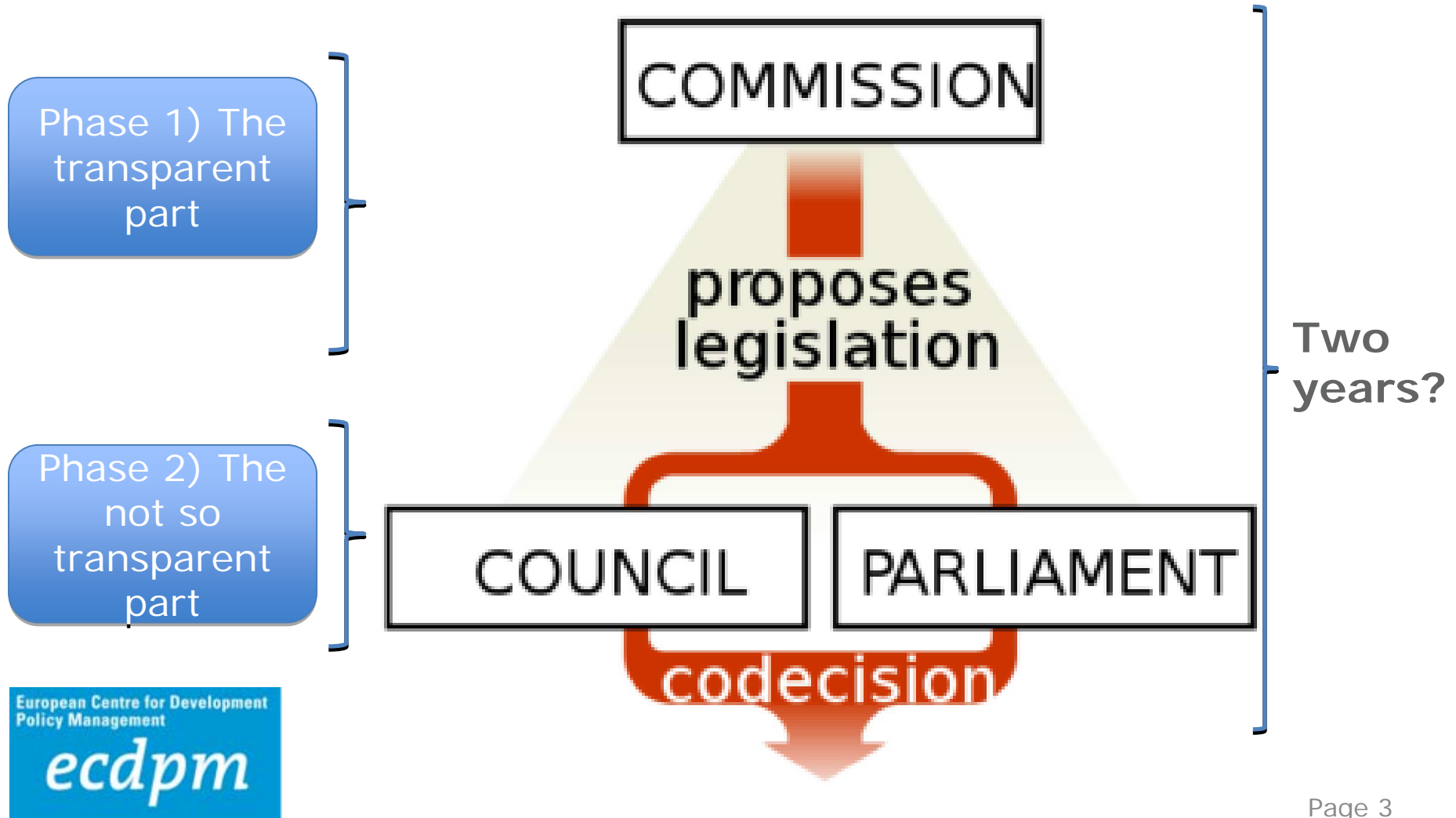
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# Evaluating migration policies and promoting coherence: more issues

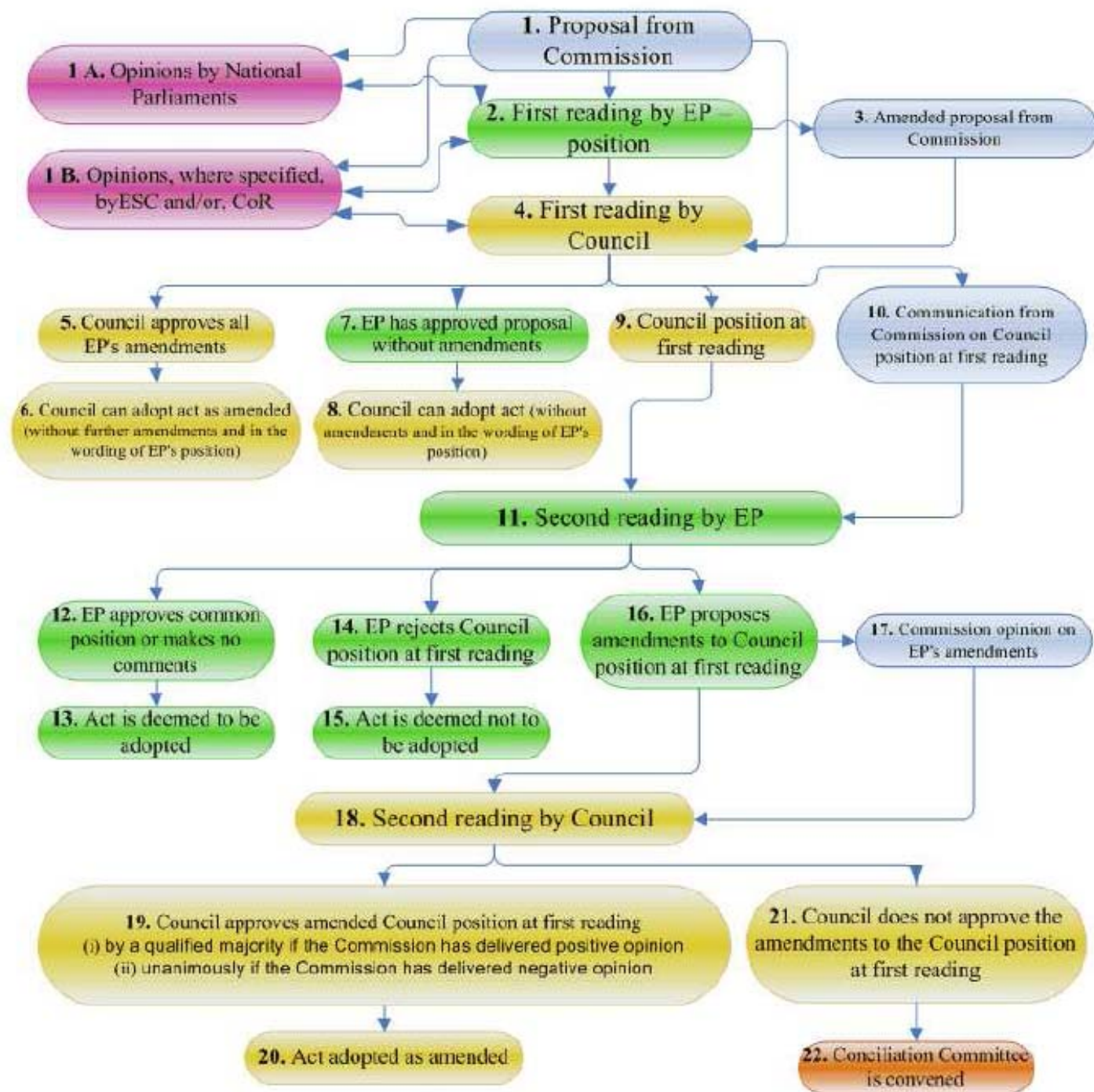
- Where to draw border between 'migration' and 'non-migration policies'?
- What does 'coherent policy making' mean in the area of migration and development?
- UN MDG Summit Sept 2010 called for (para 41) enhancing "**policy coherence for development**" through "**mutually supportive and integrated policies** across a wide range of economic, social and environmental issues for sustainable development" consistent with "objectives of sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth, poverty eradication and sustainable development."
- Can ex-ante or ex-post evaluations promote coherent policy making? How? More importantly: when?

# EU migration policy making



# 1) The transparent part (Commission prepares proposal)

- European Commission publishes **Annual Work Programme** outlining its planned legislative proposals
- For major initiatives the EC organises **public consultations**
- EC **Impact Assessments** explore potential economic, social and environmental consequences
- **Inter-service consultation:** coordination of proposals between Directorates-General
- Proposal adopted and sent to Member States and European Parliament for phase 2:



# Phase 2...

# Issues with Impact Assessments

1. Evidence-based policy making, or policy-based evidence making? (no IAs have advised against a policy measure)
2. Impact assessments lack balance in how they assess economic, social and environmental impacts; a lot of missing data for migration policies
3. difficult to promote and assess policy coherence for development if no ambition has been specified (read: objectives, targets, indicators)
4. European Parliament and Member States don't use Impact Assessments a lot, the same goes for ex-post studies