

EU COMMITTEES: BASIC FACTS

COMMITTEE = MORE OR LESS INSTITUTIONALISED GROUP OF SO-CALLED *EXPERTS REPRESENTING A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INTEREST CLUSTER IN EUROPE*

ABOUT 1.800 EXPERT GROUPS FOR POLICY-FORMATION

- * IN 'DRAFT PHASE' OF COMMISSION (100% EU LAW)
- * GREEN PAPER > WHITE PAPER > DRAFT PROPOSAL
- * NOT HAVING FORMAL POWERS
- * ESTABLISHED BY COMMISSION DG/ CHEF DE DOSSIER
- * COMPOSITION FIFTY-FIFTY PUBLIC/ PRIVATE
- * PUBLIC: 2/3 CENTRAL, 1/3 DECENTRAL
- * PRIVATE: 2/3 BUSINESS, 1/3 NGO

ABOUT 450 COMITOTOLOGY COMMITTEES

- * 'IMPLEMENTATION' PHASE = COM (>85% EU LAW)
- * HAVING DELEGATED FORMAL POWERS
- * ESTABLISHED BY SECONDARY ACT
- * FORMAL SCRUTINY BY COUNCIL/EP
(COMPOSITION, APPEAL, REVIEW)
- * BUT IN PRACTICE RUN BY COMMISSION
- * PUBLIC > PRIVATE COMPOSITION

FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENTS:

- * AGENCIES (ABOUT 20): COMITOTOLOGY-LIKE
- * COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS (ABOUT 300) (<15% LAW)

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- * *ABOUT 80.000 'INSOURCED EXPERTS' AT ALL*
- * *USUALLY OPEN ENTRY = PLURALISTIC, COMPETITIVE*
- * *STAKEHOLDERS CONNECTED IN PARALLEL*
- * *INTERESTS CONNECTED IN SERIES*
- * *OUTSIDE WORLD AS 'CODECISION-MAKER'*
- * *AVERAGE COSTS OF COMMITTEE 40.000 EURO A YEAR*
- * *OVERLAPS OF FUNCTIONS AND PERSONNEL*