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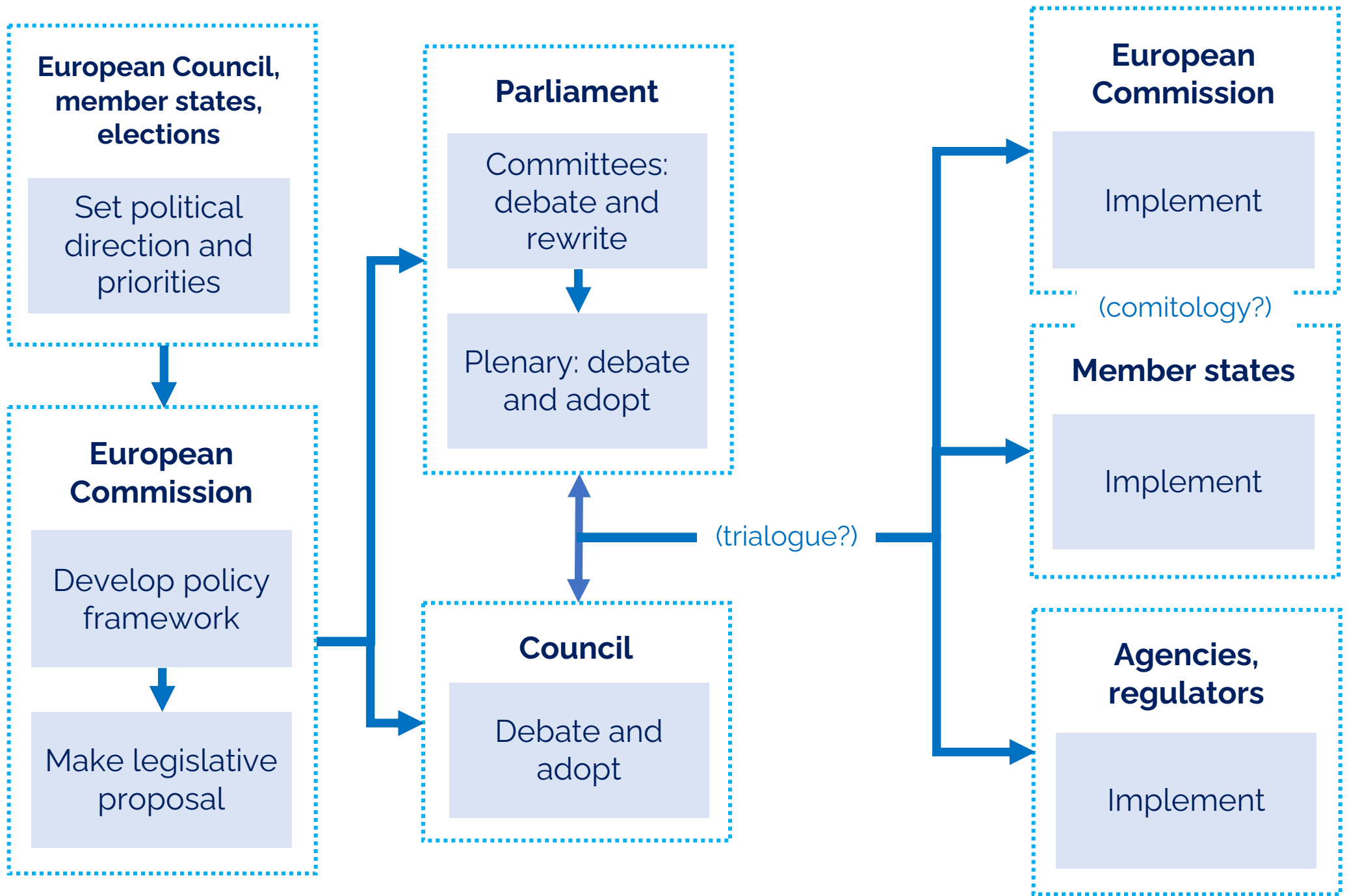
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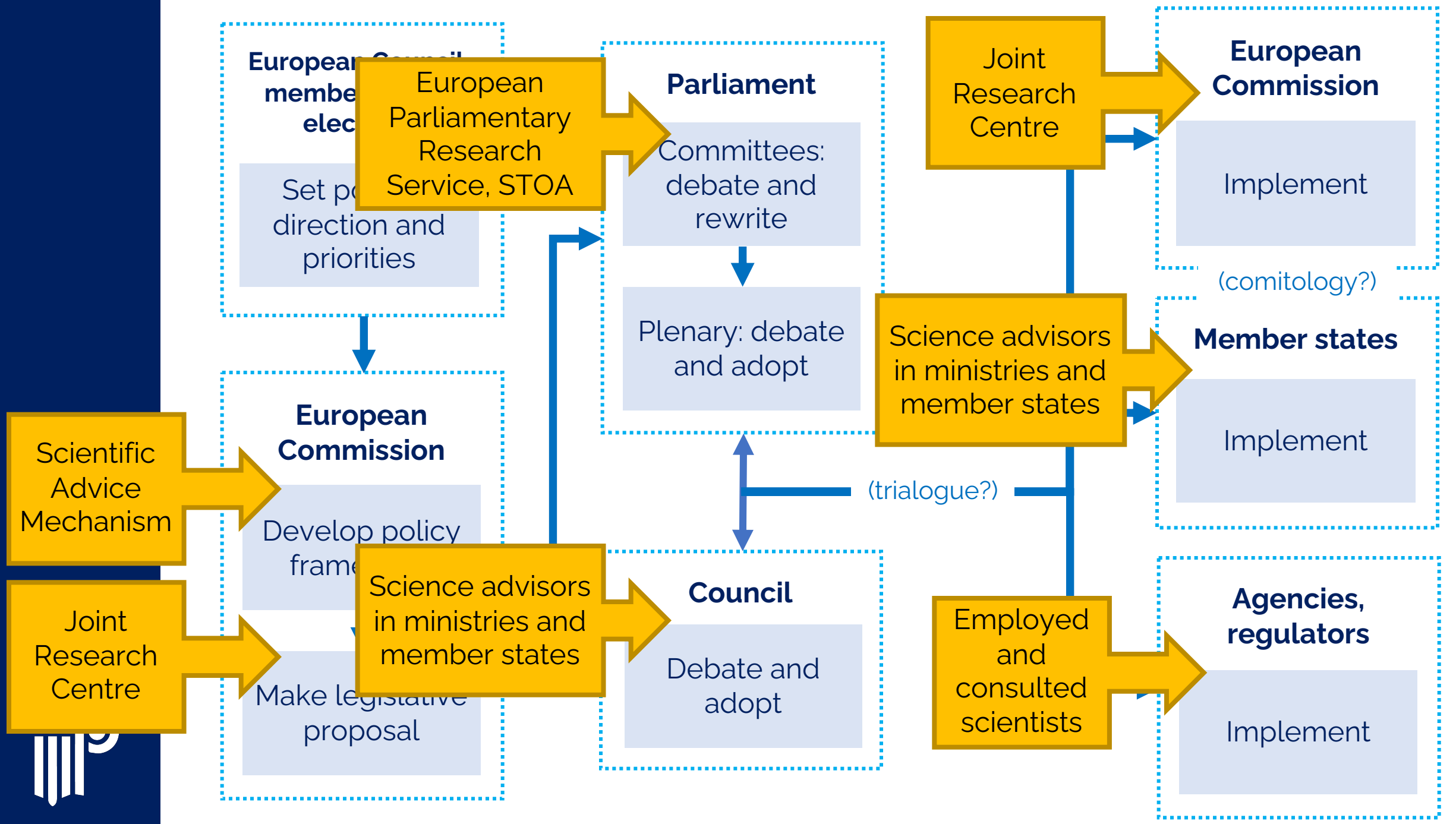
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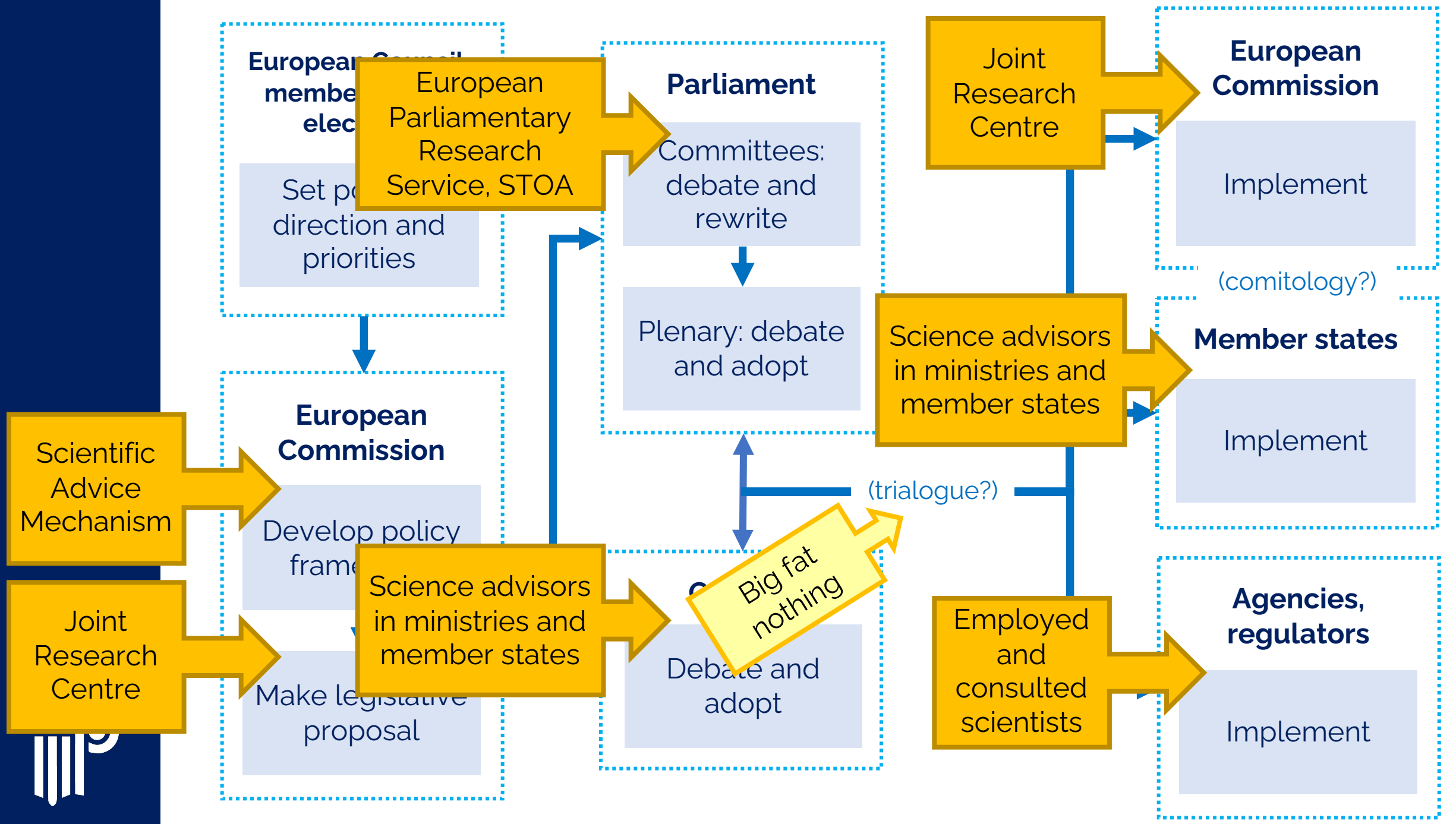
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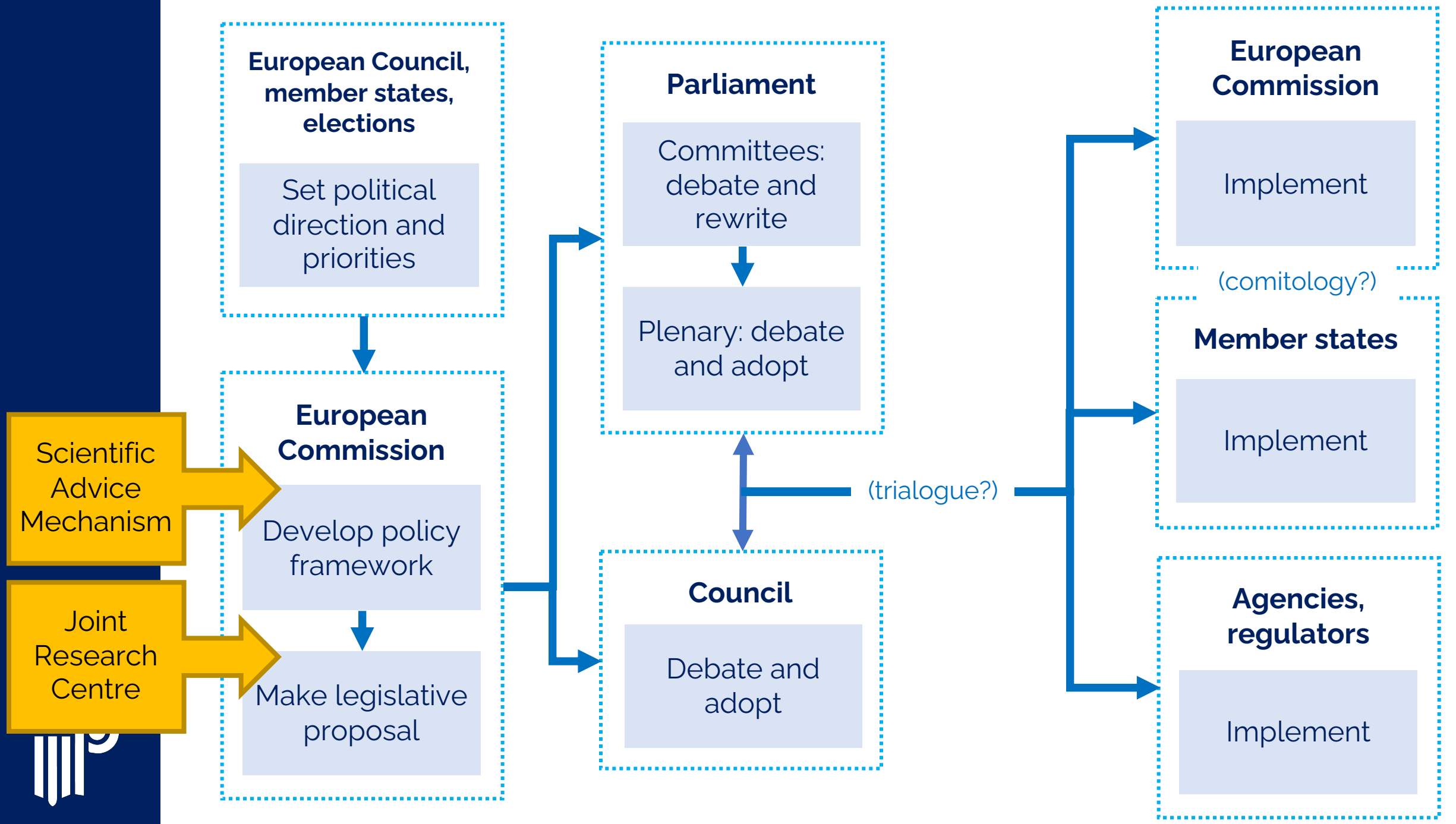
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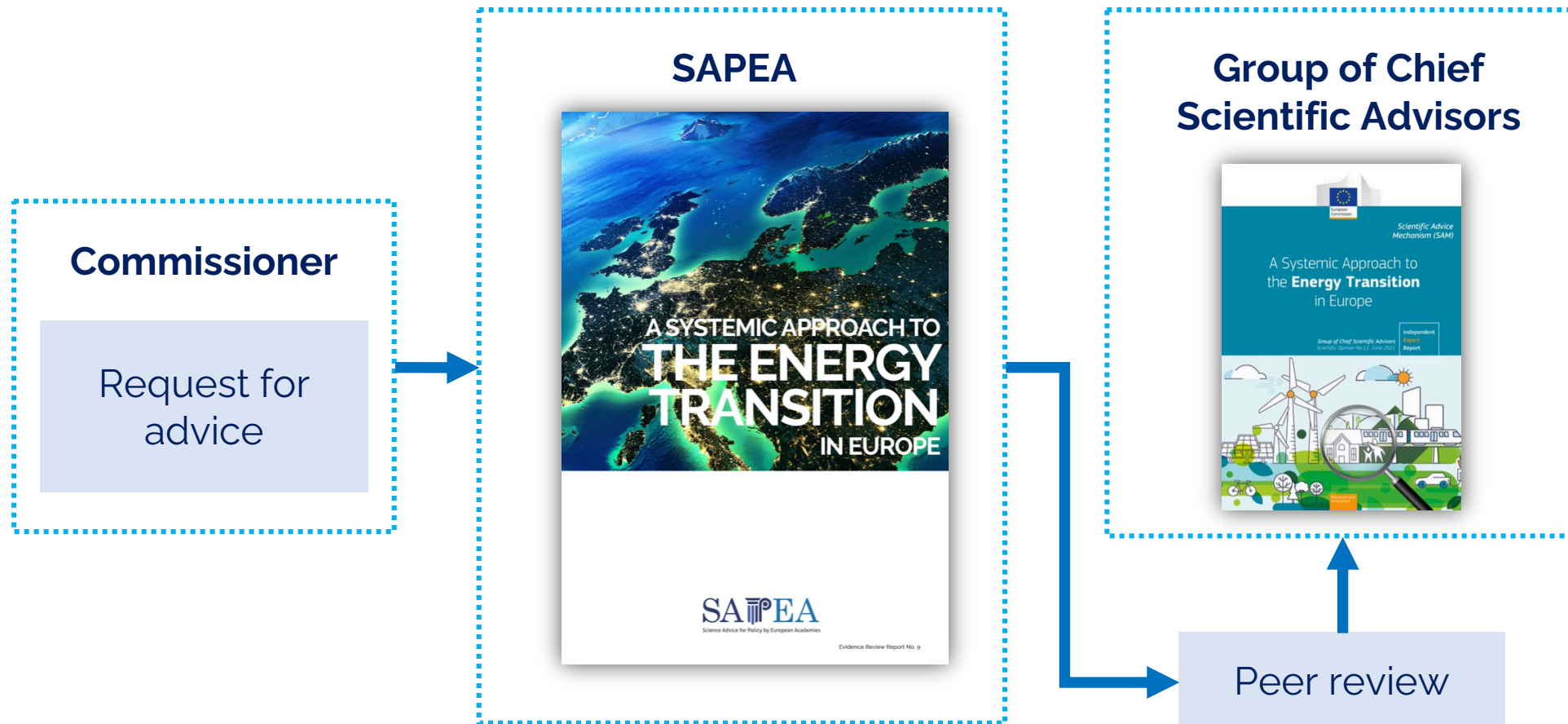




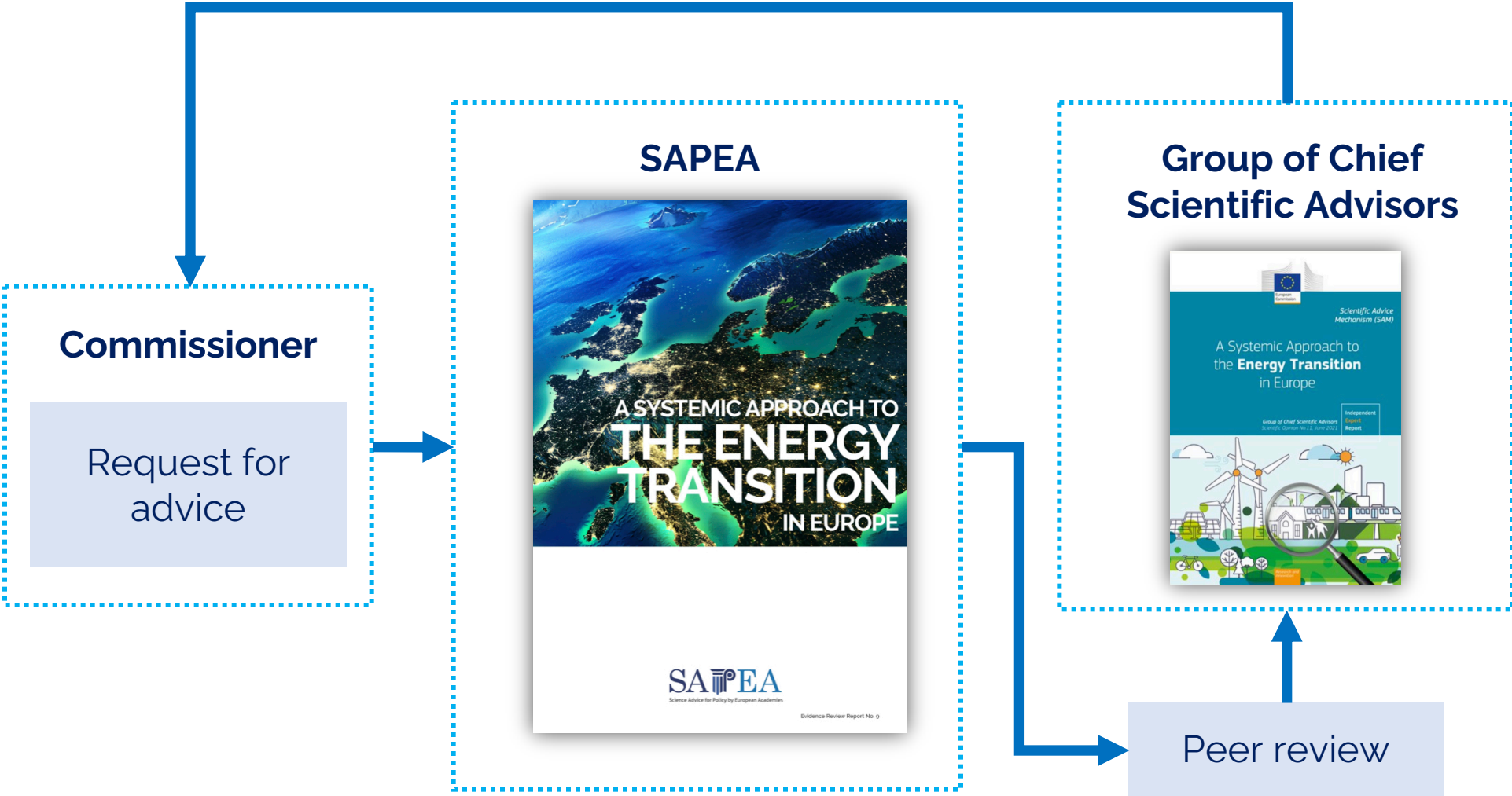




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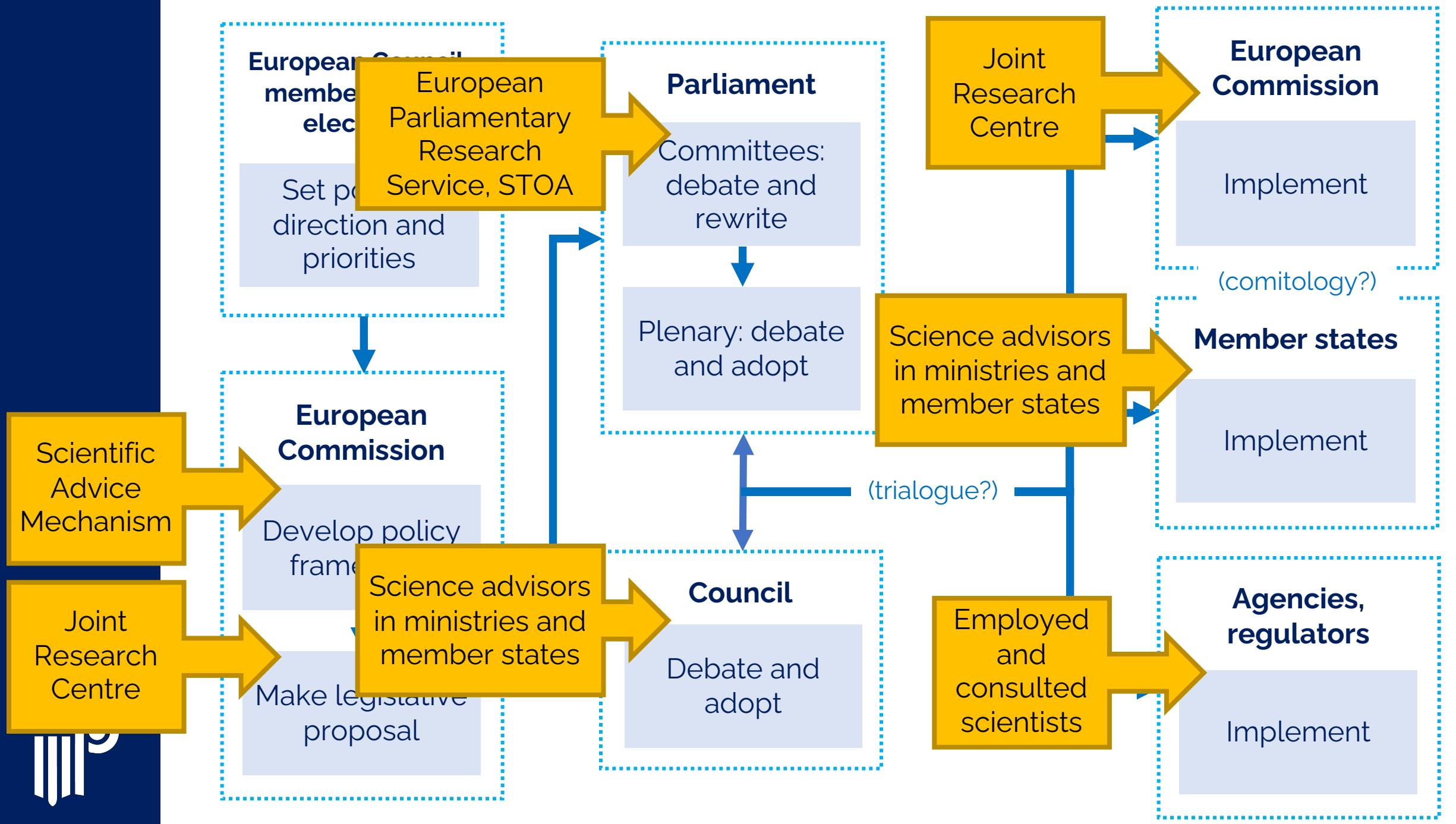
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- Advises top political level only (College of Commissioners)
- External and independent
- Draws on whole scientific community
- Synthesises and summarises evidence
- Small and cute

Joint Research Centre

- Advises every level of Commission staff
- An internal part of the European Commission
- Directly employs thousands of scientists
- Does its own original research
- Huge and terrifying





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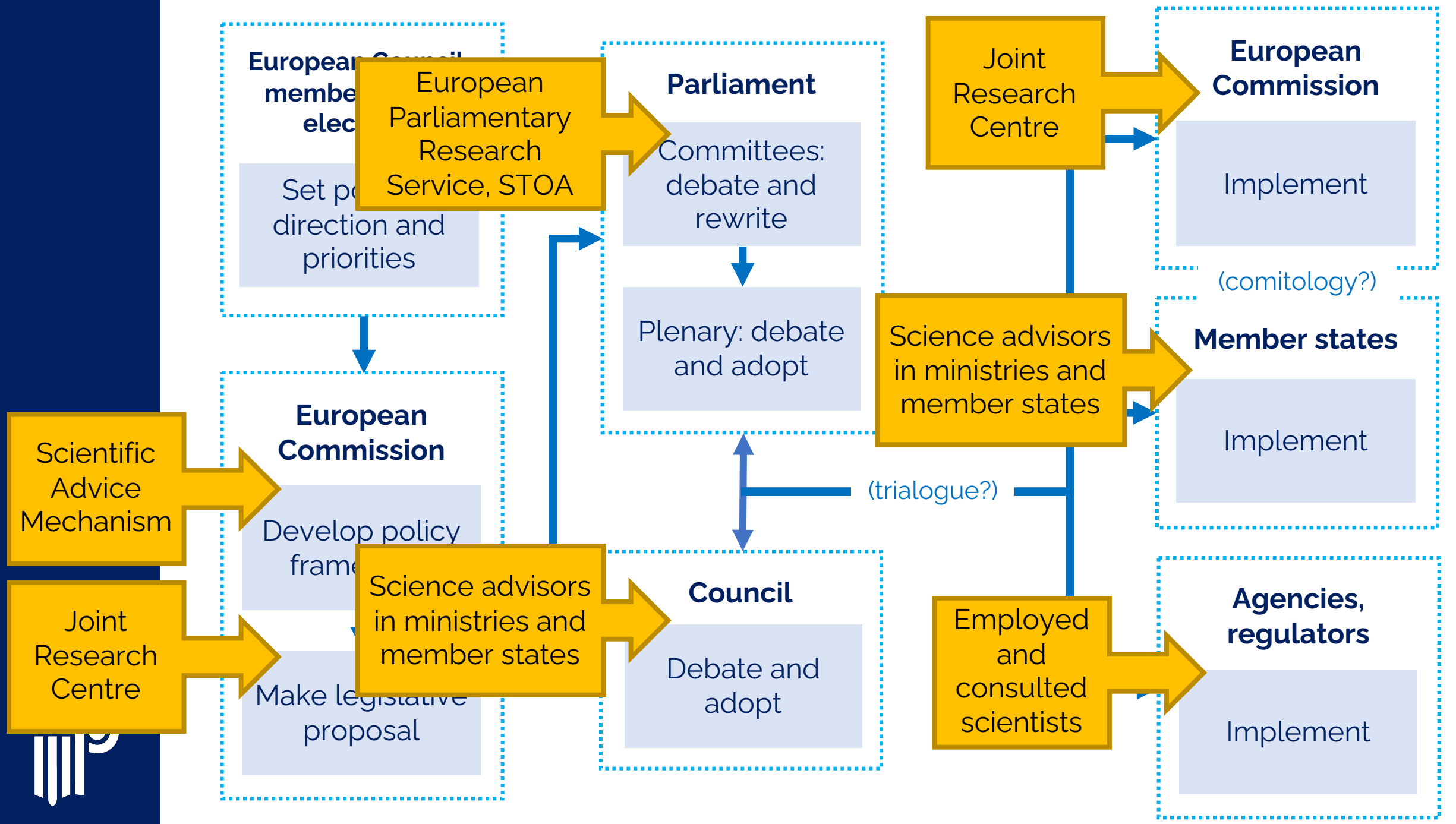
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