

EU Expert Groups

Citizens perspective

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EU Citizenship

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European Commission Register of Commission Expert Groups and Other Similar Entities

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organised

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The register is being reconstructed and does not include all Commission expert groups and other similar entities for the time being.

Quick Search

Search for:

- ☒ Commission Expert Groups And Other Similar Entities
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Code:

Abbreviation:

Active since:

Group Name:

DG:

- ☐ AGRI Agriculture and Rural Development DG
☐ BUDG Budget DG
☐ BEPA Bureau of European Policy Advisers
☐ CLIMA Climate Action DG
☐ COMM Communication DG
☐ COMP Competition DG
☐ DEVCO Development DG

- ☒ At least one name included
☐ Neither of these names included

- ☒ Lead DG
☐ Associated DG

- ☒ All selected DG's included
☐ At least one selected DG included
☐ Neither of the selected DG's included

Status:

- ☐ Active ☐ On Hold

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Reset

Issues EU Ombudsman

- Overrepresentation of industries
- Lack of transparency
- Selection procedure of experts
- Potential conflict of interests
- Underrepresentation of
 - Consumer associations
 - Civil society representatives



**The
“hart of the matter”**

Interests

- *“Repeat players”*
- Professional skills
- Network capacities
- Financial resources
- Time
- *Industries*
- *Companies*
- *Lobbyists*
- *“One shotters”*
- Not professional
- No network
- No financial resources
- Lack of time
- *NGOs*
- *SMEs*
- *Individuals*



Capture of interests VS *Integration of interests*

- Shift of power to “repeat players”?

In economics, regulatory capture occurs when a state regulatory agency created to act in the public interest instead advances the commercial or special interests that dominate the industry or sector it is charged with regulating.

Regulatory capture is a form of government failure, as it can act as an encouragement for large firms to produce negative externalities.

The agencies are called "captured agencies".

- Balance of power?

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- Trust
 - Based upon information
 - Absence of undue influence:
 - Personal interests
 - Commercial interests
 - Political interests
- Trust strongly related to:
 - Legitimacy of the authority involved
 - Acceptance of decisions

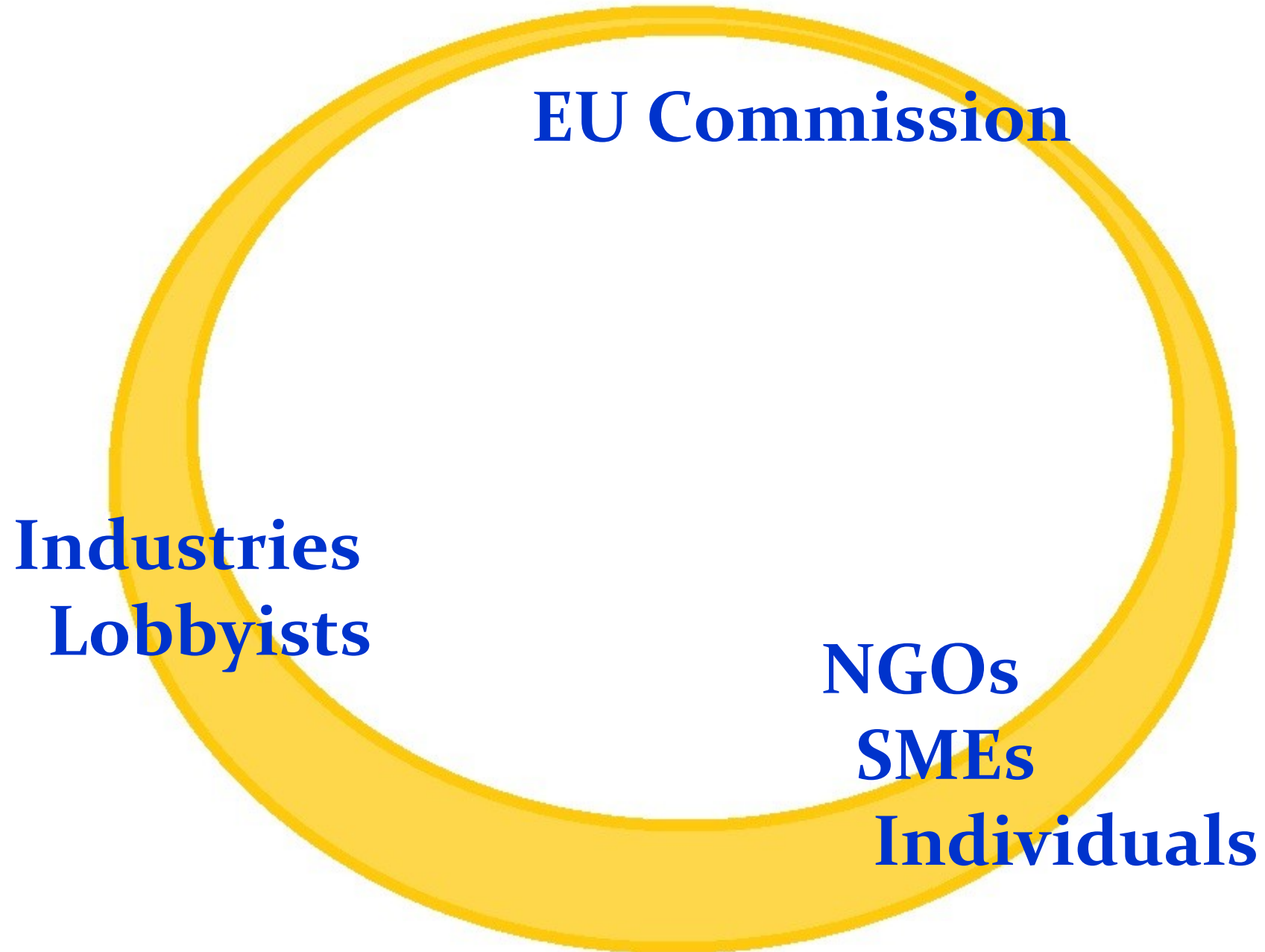
Severity of safeguards

Low - Transparency on composition

Strong - Influence on composition

Severe - Code of conduct

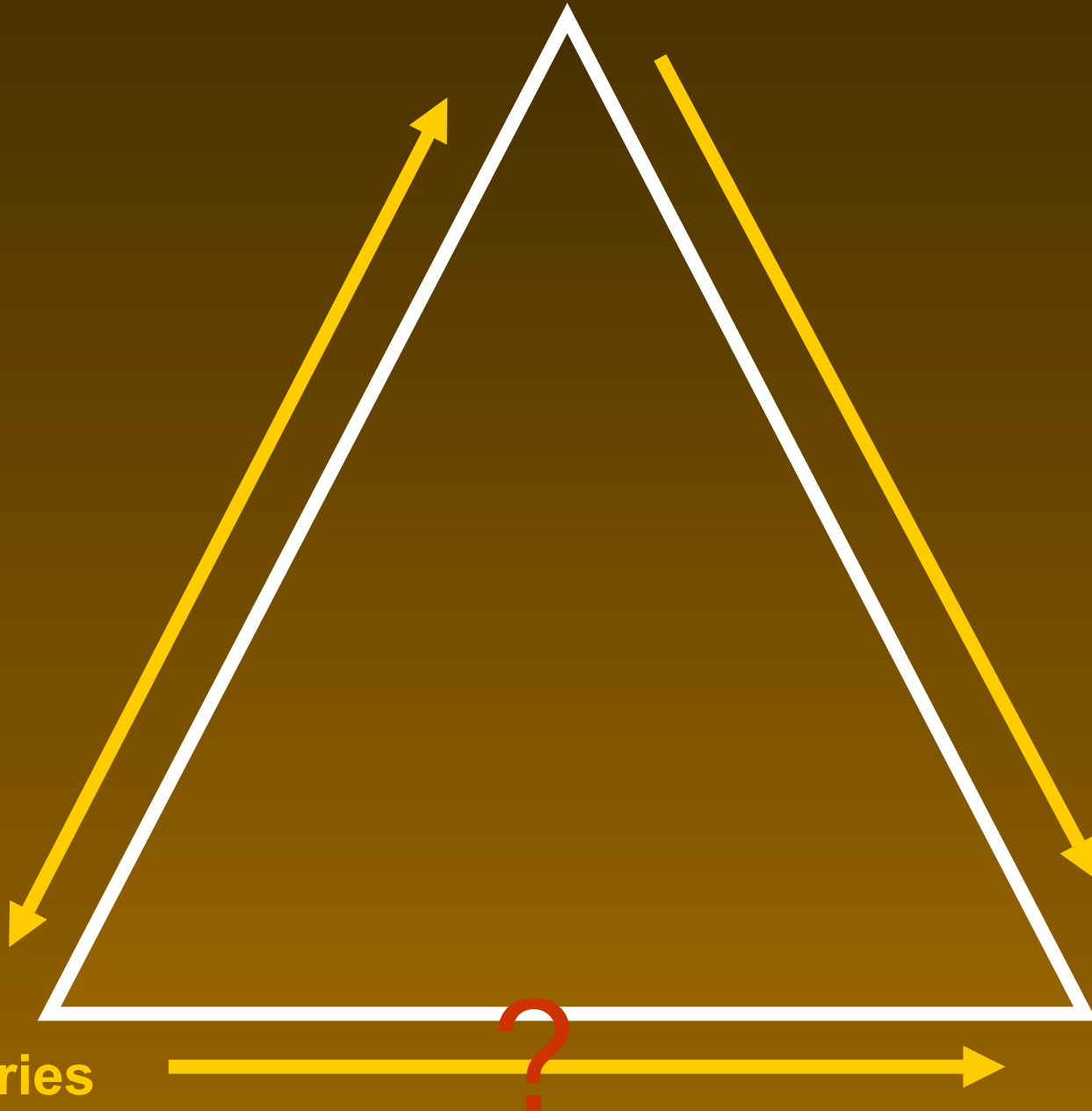
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Integration of interests