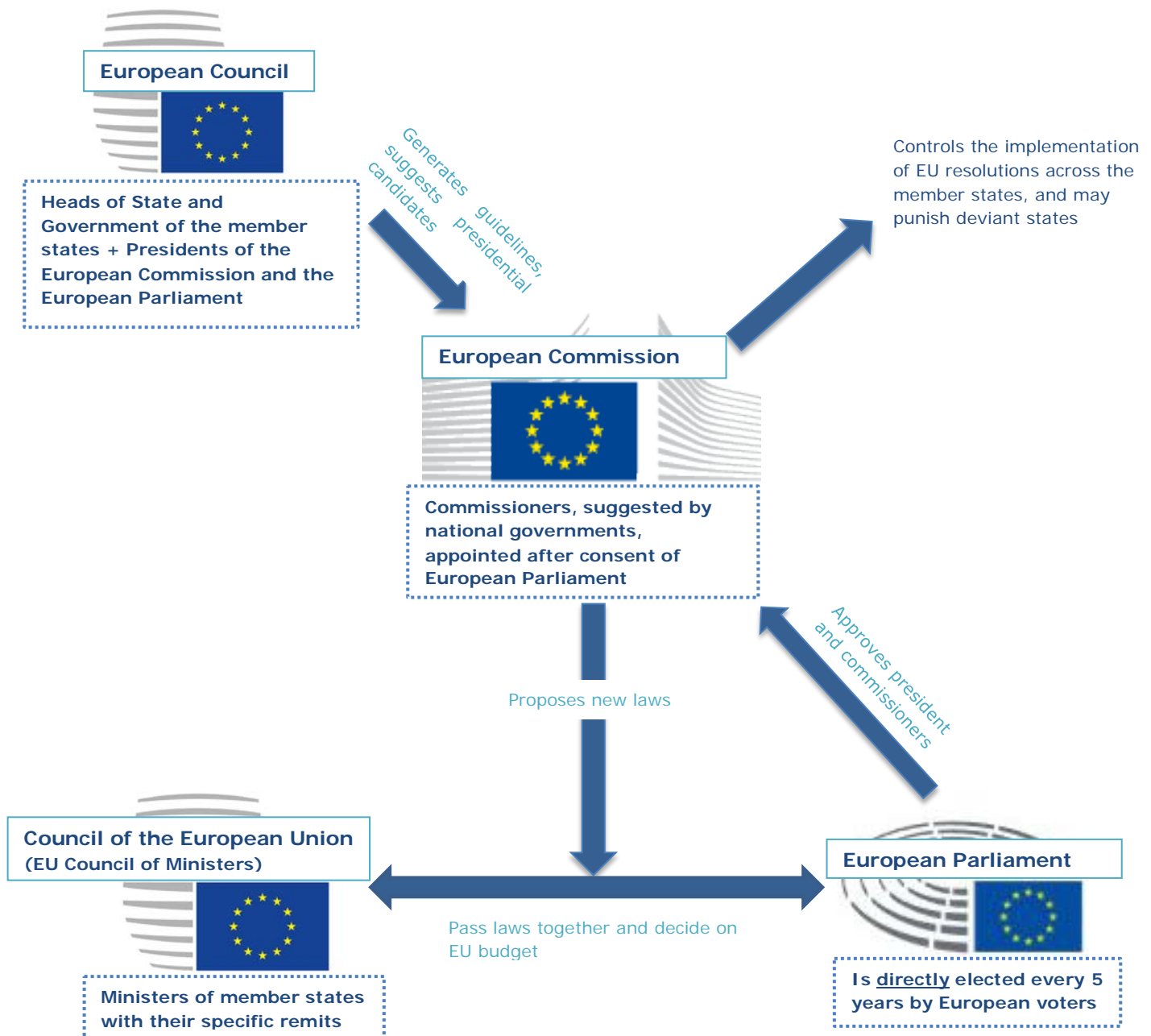


M 03.03 Examples of Visualisation: Organs of the EU and their Cooperation



- Seat in Strasbourg and in Brussels
- 705 MEPs, number per state according to population size
- Represents the European citizens, directly elected every 5 years
- Controls the EU Commission (approves president and commissioners)
- Co-decides on distribution of funds and on European laws, together with EU Council of Ministers
- Divided into commissions which are specialised in different fields, such as energy, plus they can change and pass laws

European Parliament



- Seat in Brussels
- 1 President and 26 Commissioners
- "Government" of the EU, Commissioners = "Ministers" of the EU
- Every EU member state delegates 1 Commissioner
- Commissioners work in a specific field of duty (called "Directorates General"), e.g. for competition
- Has the legislative initiative, that is they propose laws
- controls if the EU resolutions are implemented in all member states across the EU and may punish deviant states

European Commission



- Seat in Brussels
- Heads of State and Government of EU member states + President of the European Commission + President of the European Parliament
- Periodic meetings called summits
- Generates guidelines and objectives for the EU (e.g. where to take action)
- Proposes presidential candidates to Commission; the candidate then has to be approved by European Parliament

European Council



- Seat in Brussels
- Ministers from all EU members states
- Represents governments of the member states
- Co-decides on laws and budget together with European Parliament
- Several compositions, depending on political subject (e.g. environmental issues are discussed among all environment ministers), which may propose changes in parliamentary bills

EU Council of Ministers

