


# Commission's Communication on the application of Community law

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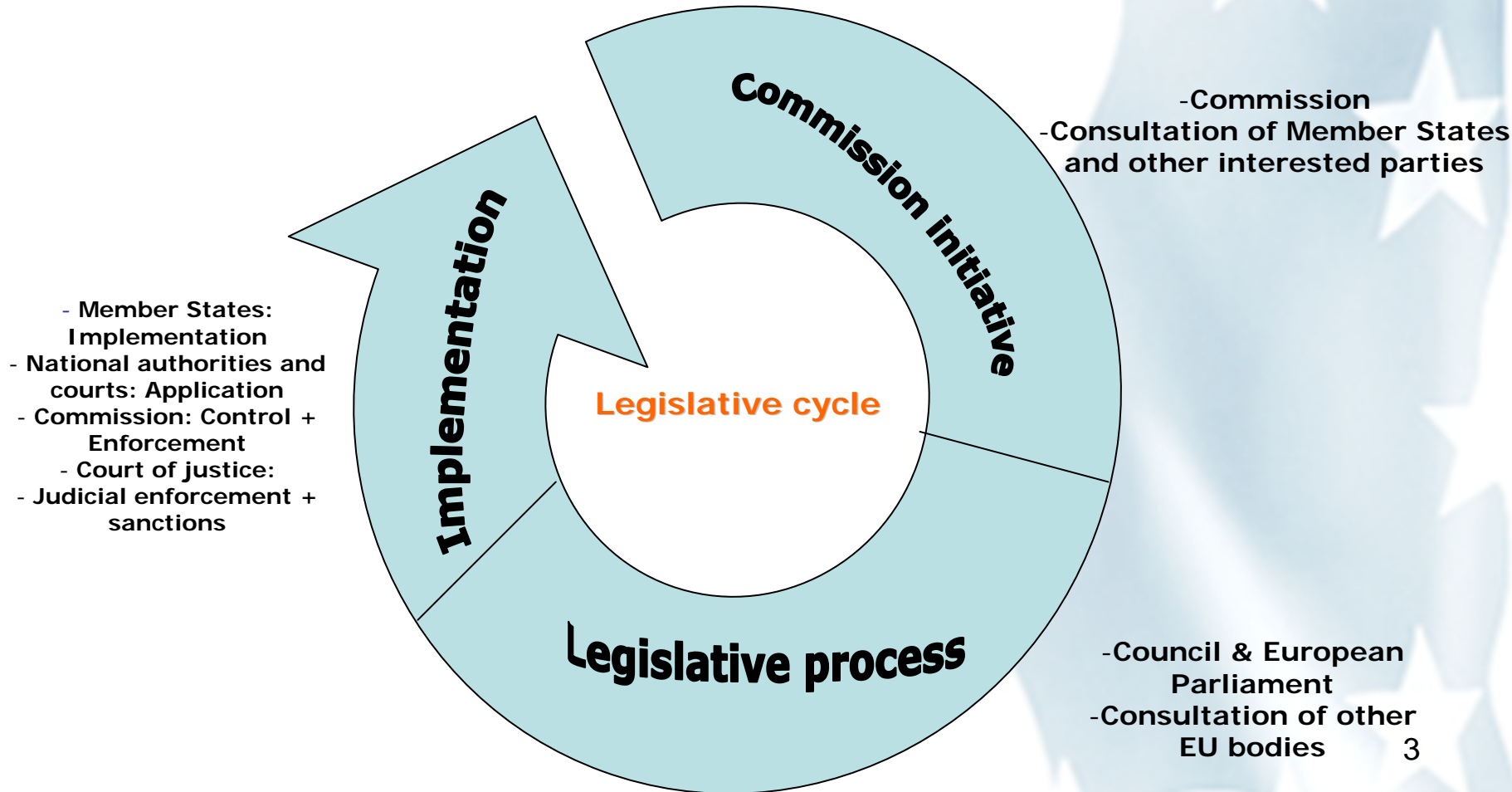
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# Application of Community law – challenges of today

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- 7000 EU regulations
- 2000 EU directives
- Following enlargements in 2004 and 2007:
  - 27 Member States
  - More than 70 regions
  - Nearly 500 million citizens
- Each directive generates between 40 and 300 execution measures

# Better Regulation



# Key elements of Better Regulation

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- **Improving the preparation of proposals:**
  - Improved consultation
  - Impact assessment
- **Modernisation of existing legislation:**
  - Simplification
  - Consolidation
  - Withdrawal
- **Strengthening of the enforcement of Community law**

# Application of Community law

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- 2002-2006: Average of 5-9 Member States late with implementation of each directive
- More than 3000 pending infringement files (2006)
- Increase of 24% in last 15 years
- 70% of all issues solved without launch of infringement procedure
- 90% of all issues solved without referral to the Court

# Application of Community law – main focus points for new communication

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Lines given by the Commission in it's renewed Better Regulation Strategy:

- Preventive action: Anticipate and prevent transposition problems – pro-active and risk-based approach
- Enhanced cooperation with Member States on information-provision and problem-solving
- Prioritisation: Accelerate progress on key categories of cases
- Enhanced information on enforcement