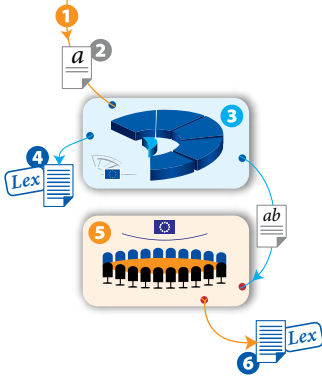


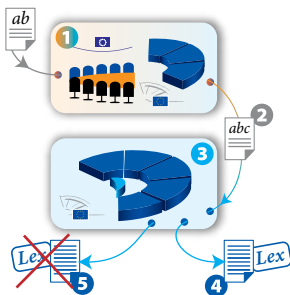
### First reading

The Commission **1** presents a legislative proposal to Parliament **2** and the Council **3** simultaneously. Parliament adopts amendments **4** and submits them to the Council. If the Council agrees with the outcome of Parliament's first reading the legislative text is adopted **5**.



### Second reading

If the Council **1** does not accept Parliament's first reading vote, it draws up a common position **2**. Parliament **3** may approve the common position or take no decision and the legislative text **4** is adopted in the form of the common position. Or Parliament may table amendments to the common position (subject to certain restrictions). In this case: either the Council **5** approves Parliament's amendments and the legislative text **6** is adopted, or the Council rejects them and a Conciliation Committee (27 MEPs and 27 Council members) is convened to seek to reconcile the positions. Parliament may reject the common position by an absolute majority of its members, in which case the legislative text is rejected.



### Third reading

The Conciliation Committee **1** adopts a joint text **2** based on the common position and the EP's second reading amendments. If the Council and Parliament **3** approve the joint text in its entirety, the act **4** is adopted. If the Conciliation Committee cannot agree on a joint text, or if Parliament or the Council does not approve it, the act **5** is deemed not to have been adopted.