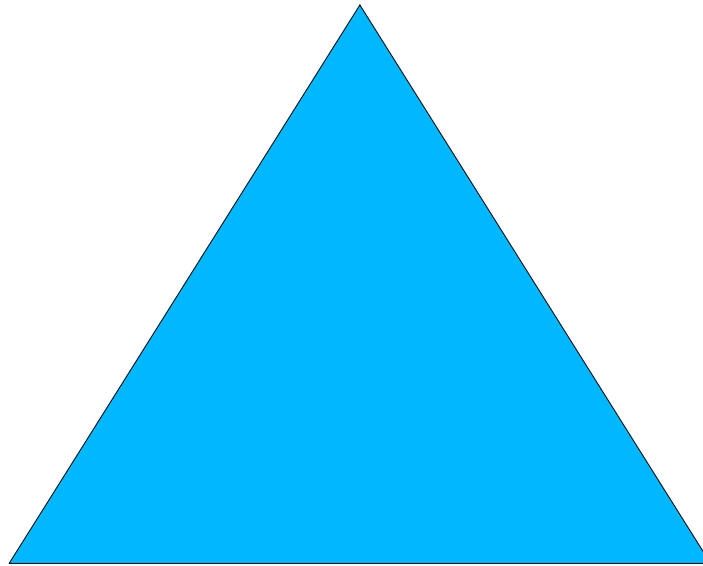


The European Commission & The White Paper

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Decision-making triangle

The European Commission



The European Parliament

The European Council

The European Commission

- The Main executive body
- Proposes legislation
- Insures EU policies are properly implemented
- Established 1958
- 27 commissioners (one each country)
representing EU, not home countries
- Actual president: Jose Manuel Barroso

Departments of the European Commission

- Policies
 - **education and culture**, energy...
- External relations
 - development, trade...
- General services
 - communication, statistics...
- Internal services
 - budget, infrastructures...

European commission and the white paper

- Prepared the white paper through consultations (took over two decades)
- First time the commission addresses sport related issues on an official level
- White paper contains numerous actions to be implemented or supported by the commission - action plan as guide
- Presented in 2007 to the sport stakeholders and EU sport ministers