After 3 years of discussion following the first proposal being made by the European Commission (and a first reading by the European Parliament that was finalised in 2014), the Council has decided to agree on a new text (a “general approach”) that will be the object of the negotiations between the three institutions (Council, Parliament and Commission) in the trilogues.

**Proposal**

**First reading**

**European Commission**

**Political Agreement**

**Council of the EU**

**European Parliament**

**Agreement**

**Parliament vote**

**Second Reading**

**Council of the EU**

**European Parliament**

**EU Regulation**

If an agreement is reached between the three institutions, that text will be voted in the Council. Afterwards, it will be sent to the European Parliament for a final approval.