



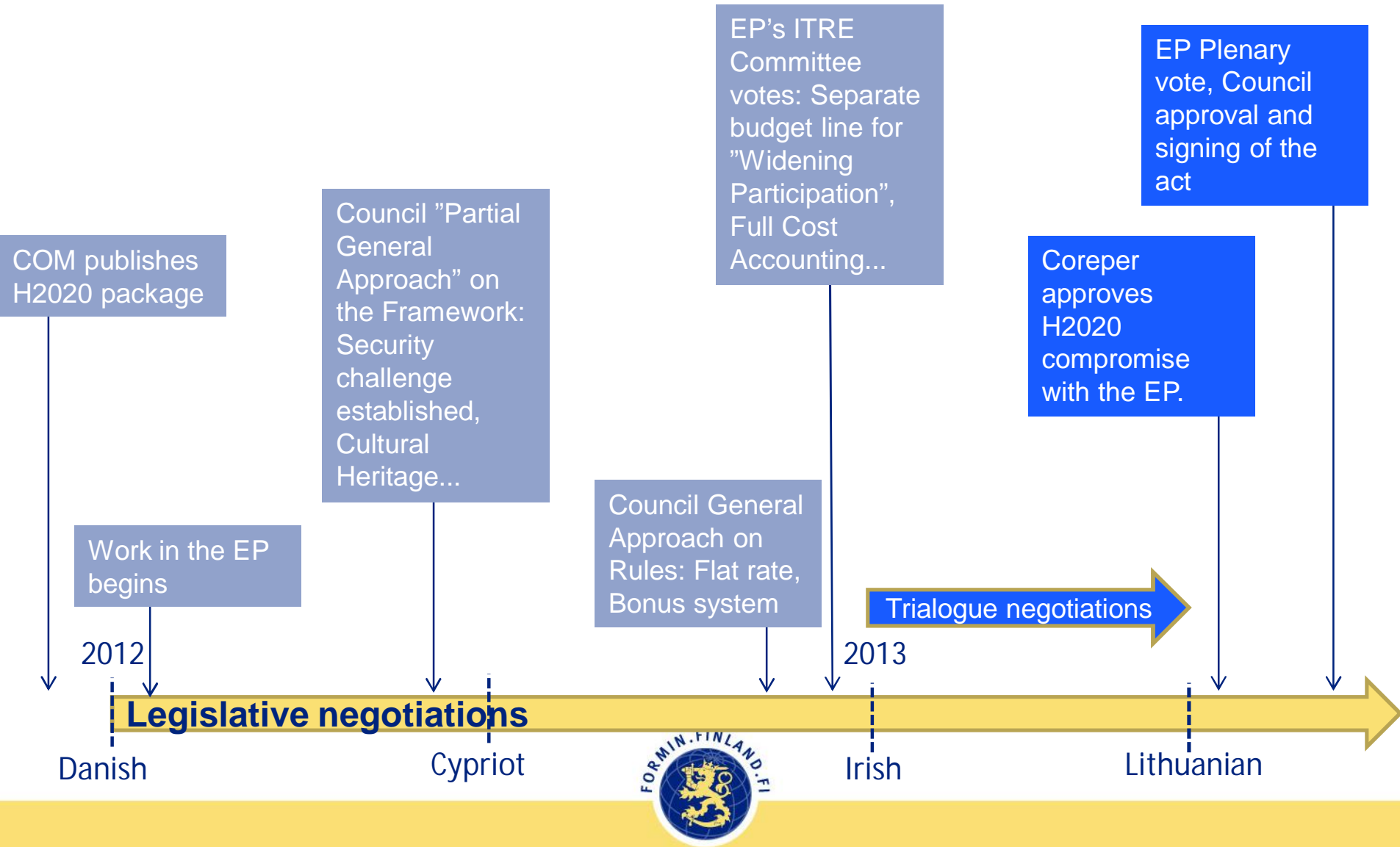
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**Horizon 2020 as a Negotiation Result**

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# Horizon 2020 legislative process



## Understanding H2020 from an Institutional Perspective, few examples

- Widening, ear-marking of the energy budget for renewables, maritime research... and administrative simplification
- Collaborative projects vs. PPPs (delegated acts)
  - Bottom-up vs. top-down
- SME Instrument
- Fast Track to Innovation
- Budget: FETs and Risk Financing



# Comitology in H2020

- Legal basis:
  - TFEU article 291 para 3
  - Comitology Regulation 182/2011 (vs. delegated acts)
- Annex V of the Specific Programme
  - 14 PC configurations who examine and vote on:
    - two year work programmes
    - when project funding is  $\leq$  EUR 2.5 million (excl. ERC and FTI)
    - approval of all funding involving the use of human embryos / embryonic stem cells and security research.
    - funding of SSH, S4wS and “Widening” actions, where the funding is  $\leq$  EUR 0.6 million.
    - drawing up of the terms of reference for H2020 evaluations



# Conclusion

- A framework full of compromises...
  - But the Commission's original proposal is pretty much intact as far as the structure and balance of instruments is concerned.
  - Negotiations on the content of Horizon 2020 continue throughout the life-cycle of the programme

