

Boosting Skills Session EU Advocacy

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1. Which EU institution initiates legislative proposals (ex: EU-3rd country agreements)?

- European Council
- Council of the EU
- European Commission
- European Court of Auditors

Correct answer

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2. The European Parliament

- Has the right to initiate legislative proposals
- Has the decision-making power
- Can suspend bilateral agreements with the 3rd country

Correct answer

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3. The Council of the EU

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The essential elements for advocacy:

- Good understanding of the institutions and decision making/
government structures
- Good political analyses – what is happening inside the EU
and how it affects the Foreign Policy;
- Timing for advocacy
- Mapping Who's Who (**TARGETS***)

Identify TARGETS

- Who has decision-making power within the EU: member states, EP, EC?
- What is the procedure inside the target institution: when to reach-out
- Key moments for decision-making
- Finding key persons + allies inside the institutions

Advocacy is....

- Advocacy is developed based on research and analyses and is aimed to achieve certain positive policy objectives as part of a joint civil society actions;
- Advocacy is a process, not an event; however an event can be a part of the advocacy strategy;
- It is not the same as campaigning, however campaigning can be part of the advocacy depending on the strategy;
- Confidence building and trust with institutional interlocutors is an important part of advocacy. Provide well-researched evidence and analyses.