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Experiences from Hungary – EURATOM PC

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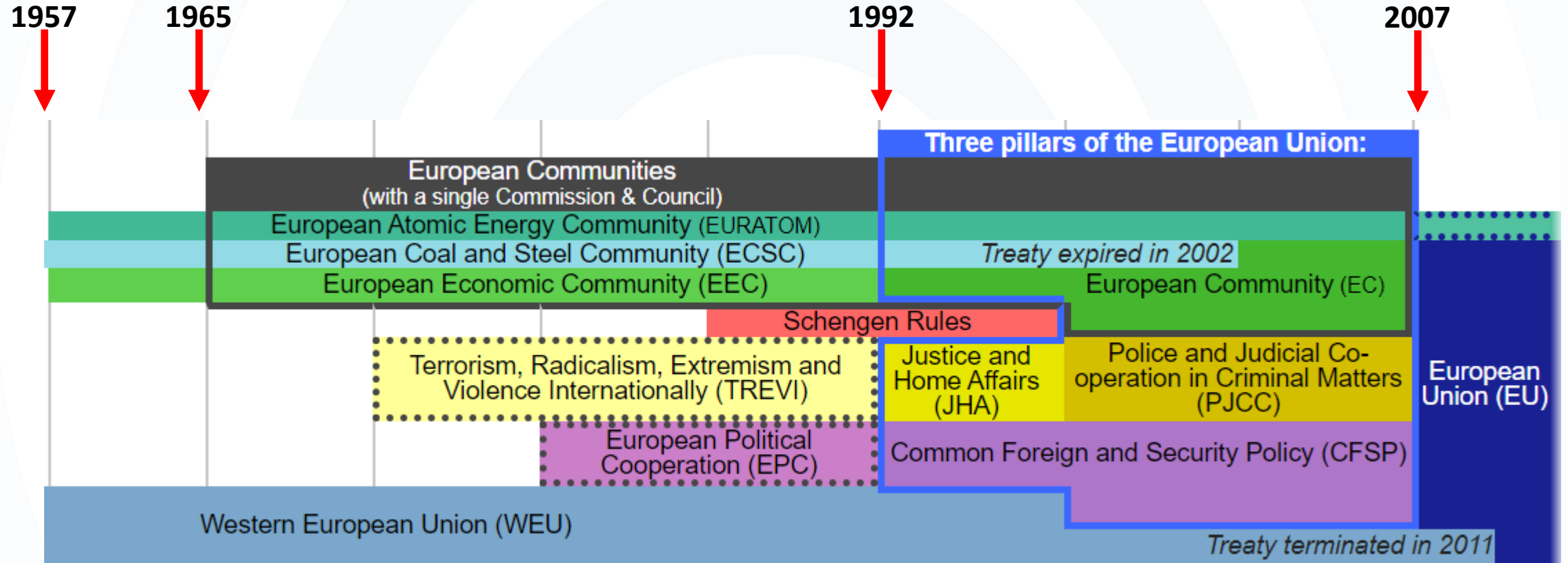
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Workshop for Programme Committee members

20-21 March 2018



A bit of history



(Some) Specialities of EURATOM

Director-General (act)
W. BURTSCHER

Directorate **G** - Energy
Director – **P. CHILD** (act)

G.4 – Fission Energy
Head of Unit – **R. LECBYCHOVA**
Deputy HoU -

G.5 – Fusion Energy
Head of Unit – **E. RIGHI STEELE**

- Hungary become and **associated member** in 2000;
- Has a **5 years** programming period instead of the usual **7 years**;
- Incorporates both the **fission** and the **fusion** areas;
- Governed by DG Research and Innovation (**DG RTD**), Directorate Energy;
- Assisted by **The Programme Committee for the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2014-2018) Complementing the Horizon 2020 Programme for Research and Innovation (‘Fission’ and ‘Fusion’ Configurations)**;
- A large fusion related budget is under **DG ENER** in the ITER unit (outside the scope of this workshop);

Rules of Procedure (I)

- Chaired by the **Commission**;
- Two configurations, but **one vote per Member State**;
- Draft implementing acts (typically the **Work Programmes**) to be **adopted by the Commission** on which the committee is asked to give an opinion, in accordance with the **examination procedure**;
- Issues put to the committee for **information** or a simple **exchange of views**, either on the chair's initiative, or at the written request of a member of the committee;

Rules of Procedure (II)

- The chair shall endeavour to find solutions which command the **widest possible support** within the committee;
- The chair may obtain the committee's opinion by **written procedure**;
- **No** opinion means **positive** opinion;
- The **fusion WP** is **externalized** to the EUROfusion Consortium under the European Joint Programming (EJP) scheme.

Experiences (I)

- This all is about R&D, not very much in the political focus and with **modest budget**;
- Since fusion is **externalized**, fusion related negotiations are transferred to the **EUROfusion General Assembly**;
 - Also on the national level, representation is **delegated** to Wigner RCP;
- We maintain a **mailing list** for **fusion** related committee members.

Experiences (II)

- Always express your **opinion** (but be **quiet** when necessary);
- Make **reasonable proposals**;
- Look for **allies**, especially among **eastern** countries;
- Be ready for **compromise!!!!**

Thank you for your attention!

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