

# EFTA advisory bodies

The role of parliamentarians, social partners, and local and regional authorities

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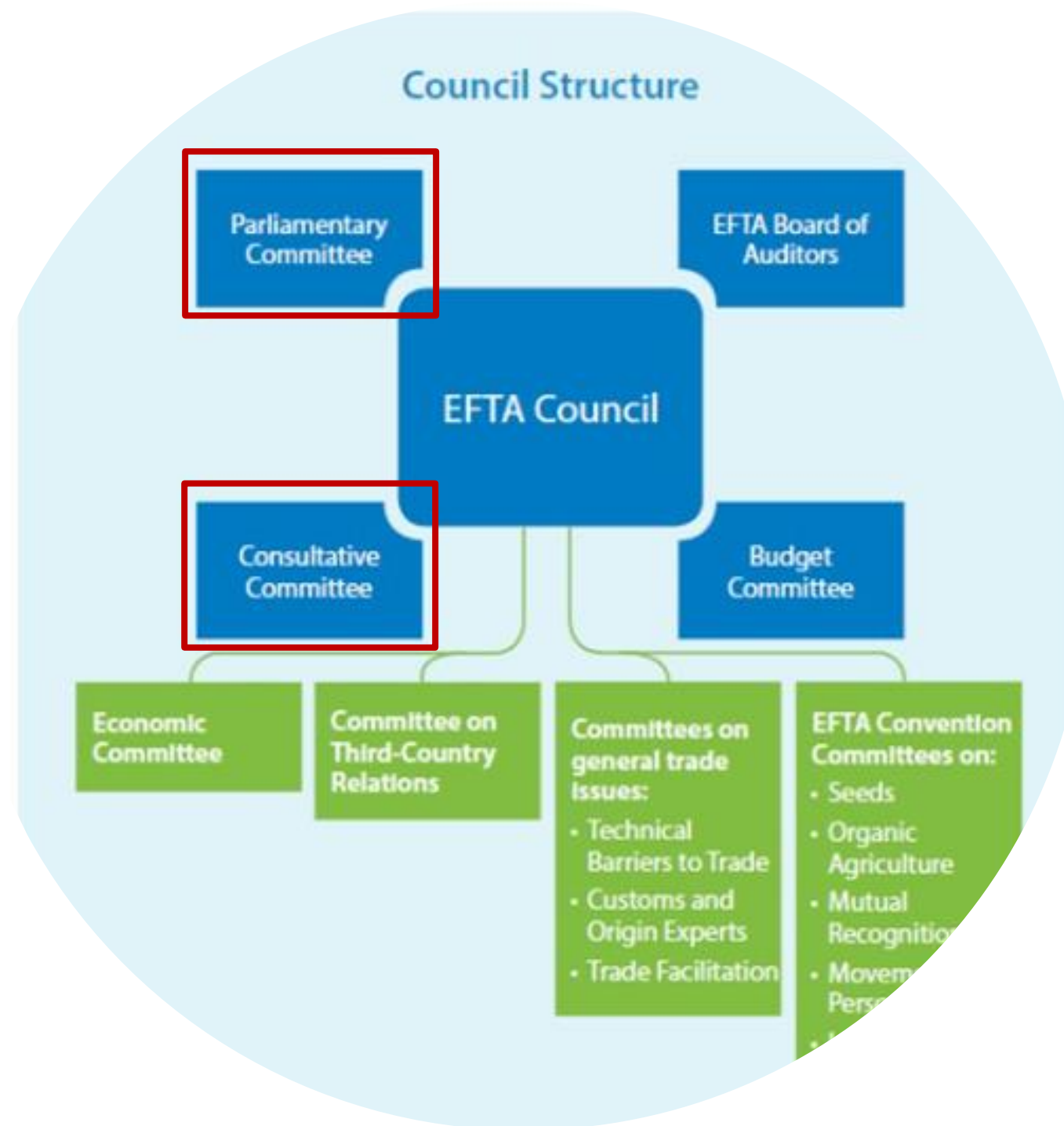
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- 3 Social partners and the EEA
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# The EFTA advisory bodies



- The **EFTA Parliamentary Committee**: forum for EFTA States' Parliamentarians
- The **EFTA Consultative Committee**: forum for representatives of Trade Unions and Business and Employers' Associations in EFTA States

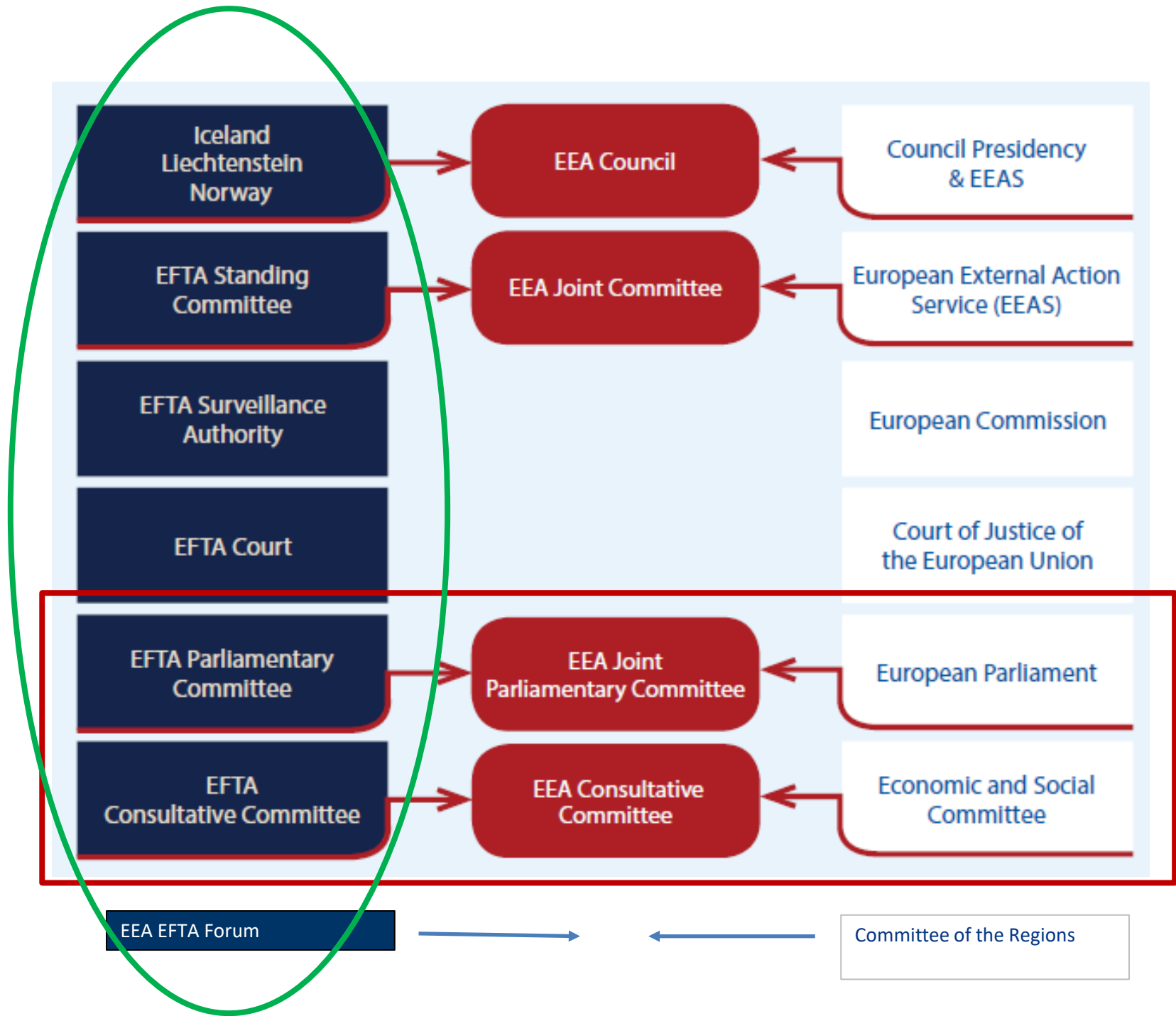
## **Role and mandate:**

- Provide advice to EFTA member states:
  1. Relations with the EU/EEA
  2. Relations with third-countries

## **Purpose:**

- Link to EEA EFTA States
- Brings EEA closer to citizens
- Democratic accountability & legitimacy

# The ABs and the EEA Agreement



# The EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee



- > EFTA PC meets **twice a year** with the EP Delegation for the relations with EFTA States and the EEA.
- > **Scrutinises** the functioning of the EEA Agreement according to **its art. 95**
- > **Monitors EU** legislative developments and their impact on the EEA Agreement
- > **Expresses its views** in the form of resolutions and reports.



*61st meeting of the EEA Joint Parliamentary Committee on 28 and 29 February 2024 in Strasbourg under the co-chairmanship of Andreas Schwab (EP) and Manfred Kaufmann (EFTA).*



# The EEA Consultative Committee



- > EFTA CC meets **once a year** with representatives of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
- > **Scrutinises** the functioning of the EEA Agreement according to its **art. 96**
- > **Monitors** EU legislative developments and their impact on the EEA Agreement
- > **Expresses its views** in the form of reports or resolutions, as appropriate.



The 33rd meeting of the EEA Consultative Committee took place on 23–24 May 2023 in Reykjavik under the co-chairmanship of Sigríður Mogensen (EFTA) and István Komoróczy (EESC)



# The EEA EFTA Forum



- > **Informal body** established in 2009 by the EEA EFTA States
- > Involvement of **elected representatives from local or regional authorities** in EEA matters
- > Meets at least **once a year**
- > Informal links established with the **European Committee of the Regions**.
- > Formulates its views in the form of **opinions** addressed to the Standing Committee of the EFTA States.



*Delegates of the EEA EFTA Forum adopted two Opinions on the revision of the Waste Framework and on Soil monitoring at their last meeting on 6–7 December 2023*



# Thank You

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