



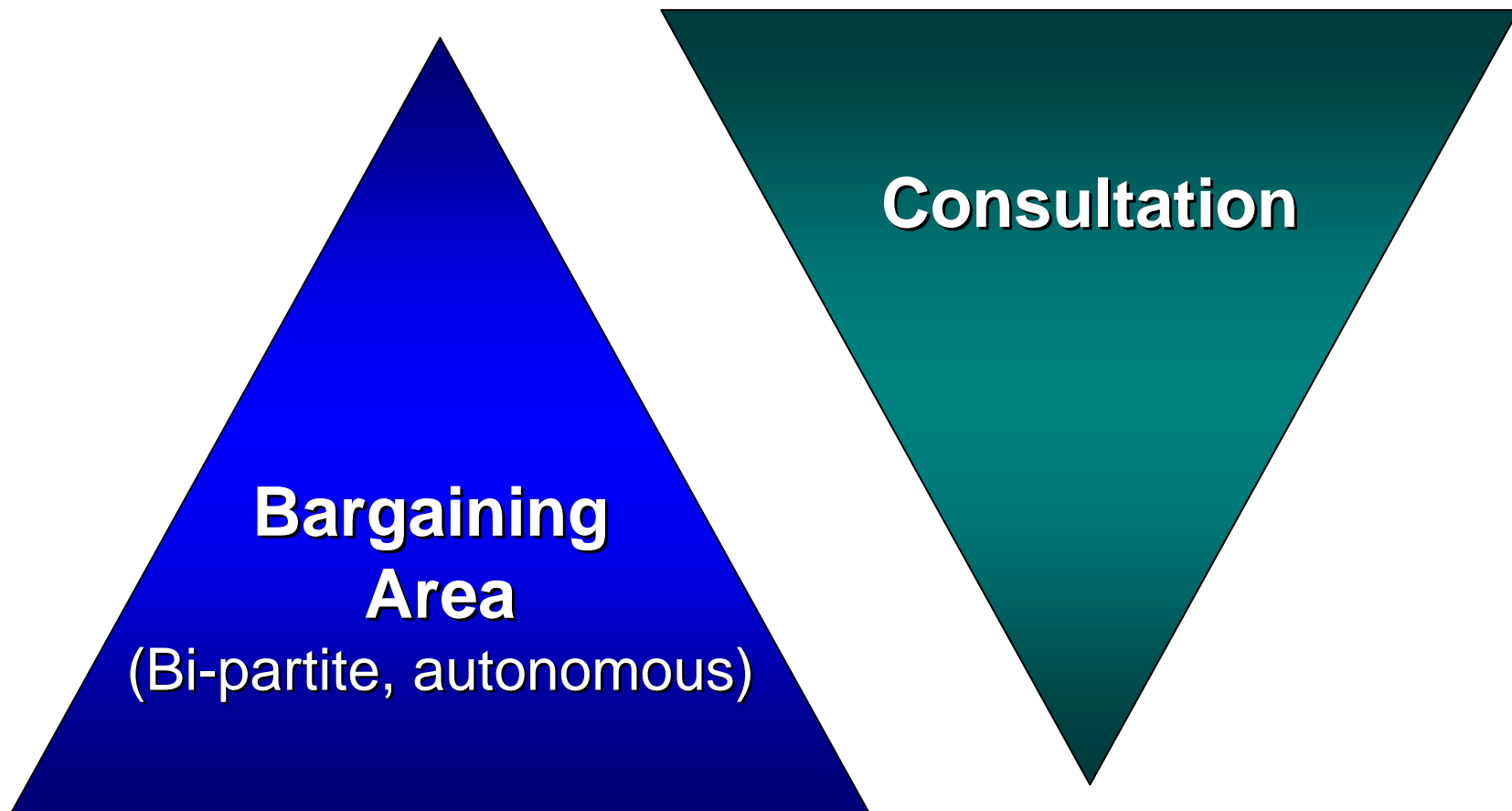
European Social Dialogue Rules and Procedures

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Governance Instrument in Employment and Social Affairs



Meetings: principles



- Annual planning (Sep./Oct.)
- 6 weeks: EC request; interpretation
- 4 weeks (confirmation) : agenda⇒invitation
- Place: Brussels
- Agenda developed in dialogue
- Chair: UEFA
- Decisions: Consensus
- Minutes: EC, confirmed by parties
- Translation



Reimbursements



- Individual
- Only EU
- Paper work during meeting
- Application for reimbursement; boarding pass for the outward journey; original return ticket; fare!
- First time: legal entity and expert identification form
- 30 calendar days to provide missing documents
- subsistence allowance (92 €)
- Accommodation allowance (100 €)



Steering Group



- “Prepare and coordinate the meetings of the Committee in liaison with the Commission's service”
- $6+(6+2)+2$
- “Minimum 3 meetings per year” or more?
- Experts?
- Substitutes?
- Interpretation?



Working groups



- Standard: 4 x 30 / year
- Flexibility (as long as no interpretation)
- Options:
 - “Standing committee”
 - Mission (and deadline)
- Established by plenary



Plenary (Committee)



- Decision-making body
- “Steering Group to agree agenda for Committee meetings after due consultation with the Professional Football Strategy Council”
- Standard: 2 x 54 / year (threshold for reimbursements)
- Preparatory meetings?
- Interpretation?





http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/social_dialogue/sectorial44_en.htm

- Resource for meeting preparation, follow-up and dissemination
- Documents published unless decided otherwise on a case-by-case basis



The European Commission's Role



- Respecting the autonomy of social partners
- Minutes
- Preparing with the European secretariats
- Cooperation with the other relevant services for effective consultations
- Reimbursement of travel cost, rooms, interpretation
- Social Dialogue Budget Heading 04.03.03.01 for social partners' projects



Commission support for projects



04.03.03.01 Social Dialogue and Industrial Relations

Calls for proposal: 14 March and 1st September 2008

04.03.03.02 Information and training measures for workers' organisations

Call for proposal: 25 April 2008

- **Conferences, networking, capacity building, training, development of tools, capacity building, negotiations..**
- **116 projects of €150.000 on average (2007)**

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