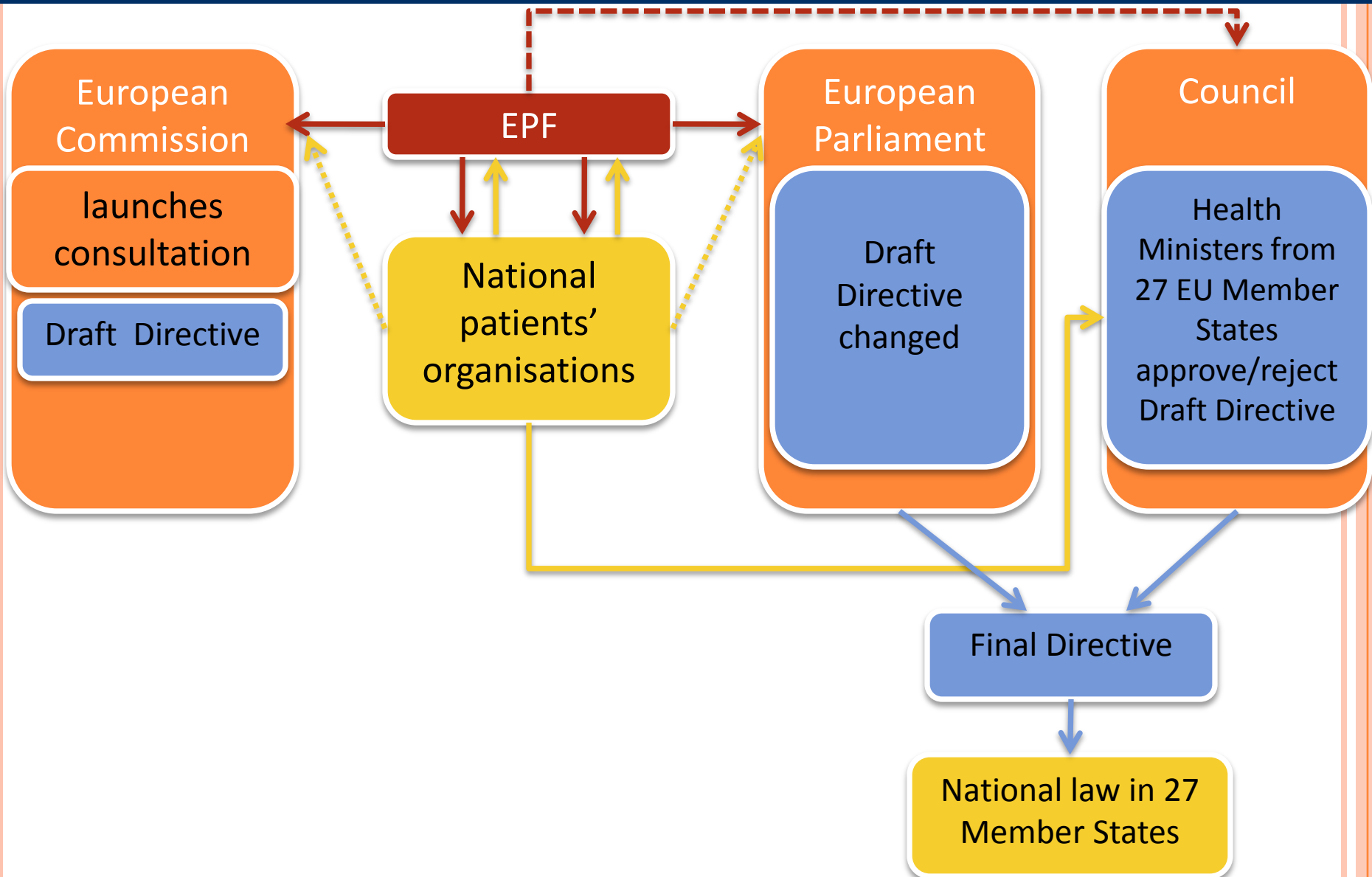


Workshop 1

How to get involved in a
consultation process at EU level



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DIRECTIVE on CROSS-BORDER HEALTH CARE

○ BACKGROUND

- EU Member States – responsible for health services
- Patients go abroad : delays, border hospitals, specialised health care
- Since 1998 - EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE RULINGS: the right for patients to access healthcare services in other Member States and be reimbursed
- EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT asked the COMMISSION to come up with a Directive

DIRECTIVE

- A NEW RIGHT - Patient may seek healthcare in another country without prior authorisation, and be reimbursed up to the level of reimbursement in their own country of affiliation.
- Encourages cooperation and exchange of information between Member States



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