

Stakeholder participation in the harmonisation process





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Standardisation

5 main brussels-based ENGOs



12 large national / regional ENGOs

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BBU (DE)

Deutscher Naturschutzring (DE)

France Nature Environnement (FR)

Bond Beter Leefmilieu Vlanderen (BE)

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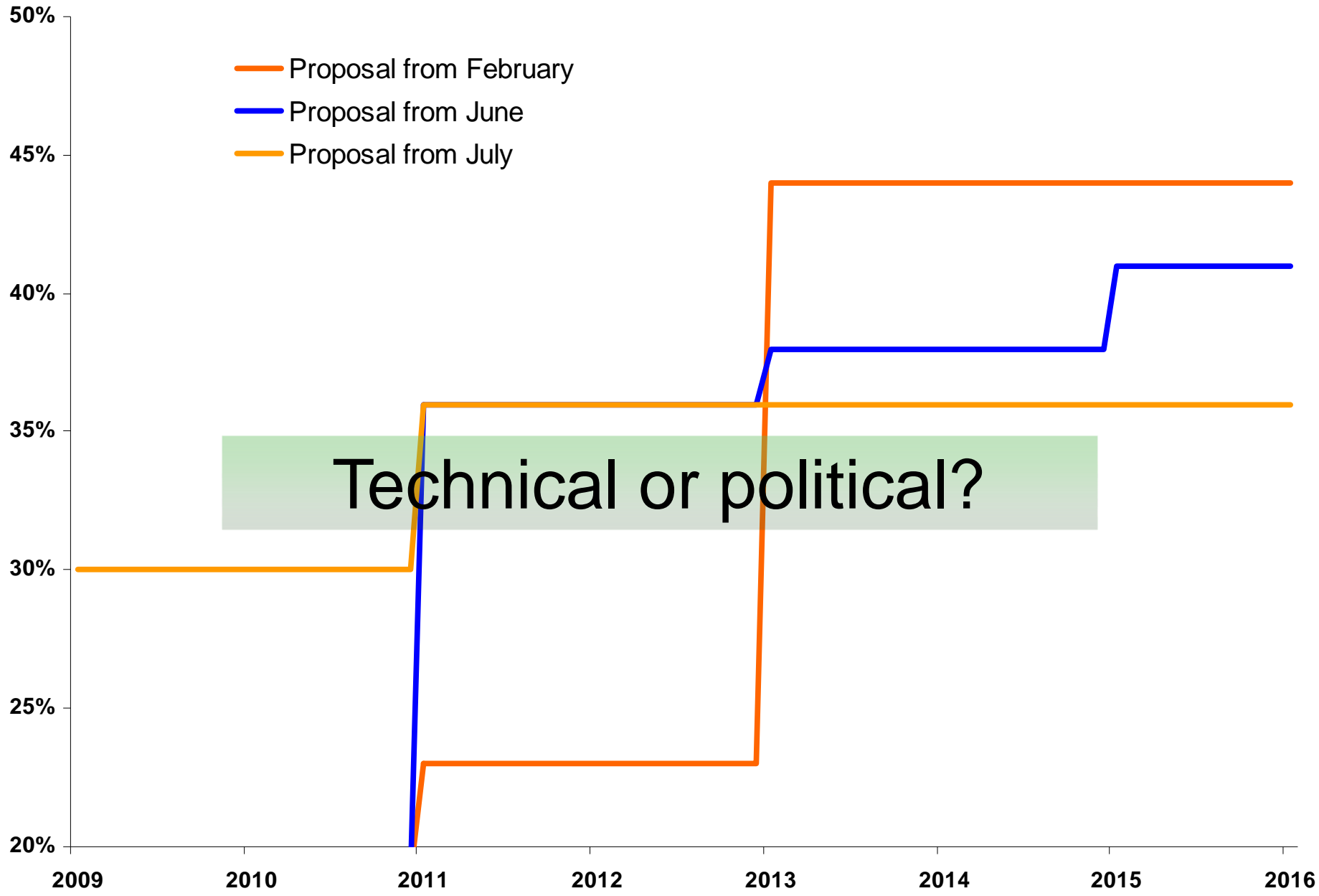


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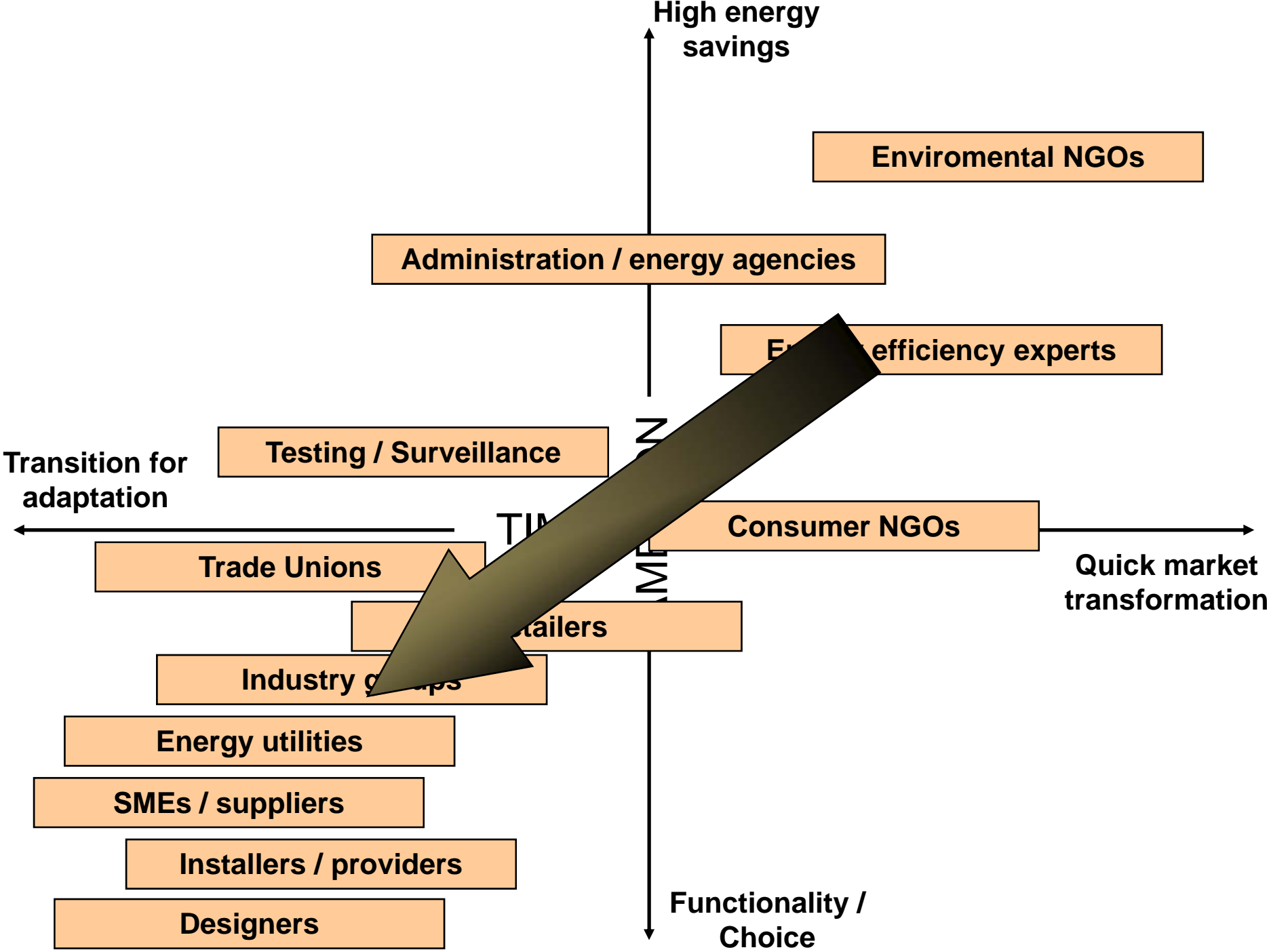
- **Coordinate the contribution of Environmental NGOs to European standardisation and product policies**
- **Promote improvement of such policies to enhance balanced stakeholder participation**
- **Bring additional / alternative expertise**
- **Ensure sufficient ambition to tackle environmental challenges**



Technical or political?

Importance of balanced society interests represented in MEPS policies

- **Levels better respond to society challenges**
- **Bring more expertise, more impartial assessment**
- **Increased transparency**
- **Increased uptake, better implementation**
- **Increased public awareness raising / preparation**



Barriers to stakeholder representation

- **Lack of resources and training**
=> public funding
- **Lack of awareness in society**
=> more media & information campaigns
- **Insufficient consideration in policy-making processes**
=> mandatory and effective rules
- **Role of industry-driven standardisation**
=> representation in standardisation bodies
- **Insufficient assessment of successes and failures**
=> tools for market transformation assessment

Barriers for global harmonisation

- Only big companies are (truly) global
- No clear role for stakeholders in global agreements:
Where are we in 4E, Energy Star 'agreements', etc.?
=> **Clearer stakeholder consultation processes in international initiatives and global agreements**
- Participation in IEC/ISO even more difficult than regional standardisation
=> **A global funding scheme for stakeholder representation**



ECOS suggestions for the Workshop

- **Key issues in MEPS policies: up to the challenge, transparency, impartiality of data, coherence between policies, market surveillance, dynamism, exemplarity**
- **Before ‘going global’ on product groups, setting clear rules and processes: no simple lowest common denominator – sound evaluation & comparison**
- **Scope should include developing countries**
- **Four critical aspects to harmonise: measurement methods, exemptions, penalties, general goals – *more national flexibility could be provided on timeline (stages) and accompanying measures (local rules, fiscal...)***

Examples 'general goals'

- **Lighting**: only A-rated products (CFLs, LEDs)
- **Heating**: only efficient renewable-assisted boilers/heaters and heat pumps
- **Standby**: maximum 0.5 W for all products
- **White goods**: least-life cycle cost for consumer with CO₂
- **TVs**: 50% improvement
- **Motors**: premium only

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ECOS is a consortium of NGOs active in the field of environmental protection, created to enhance the voice of environment within the European standardisation system.

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**2008-01-10
Website updated**

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- A new section on "Nanotechnologies" has been created,
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