

# Communication on an Intellectual Property Rights Strategy for Europe

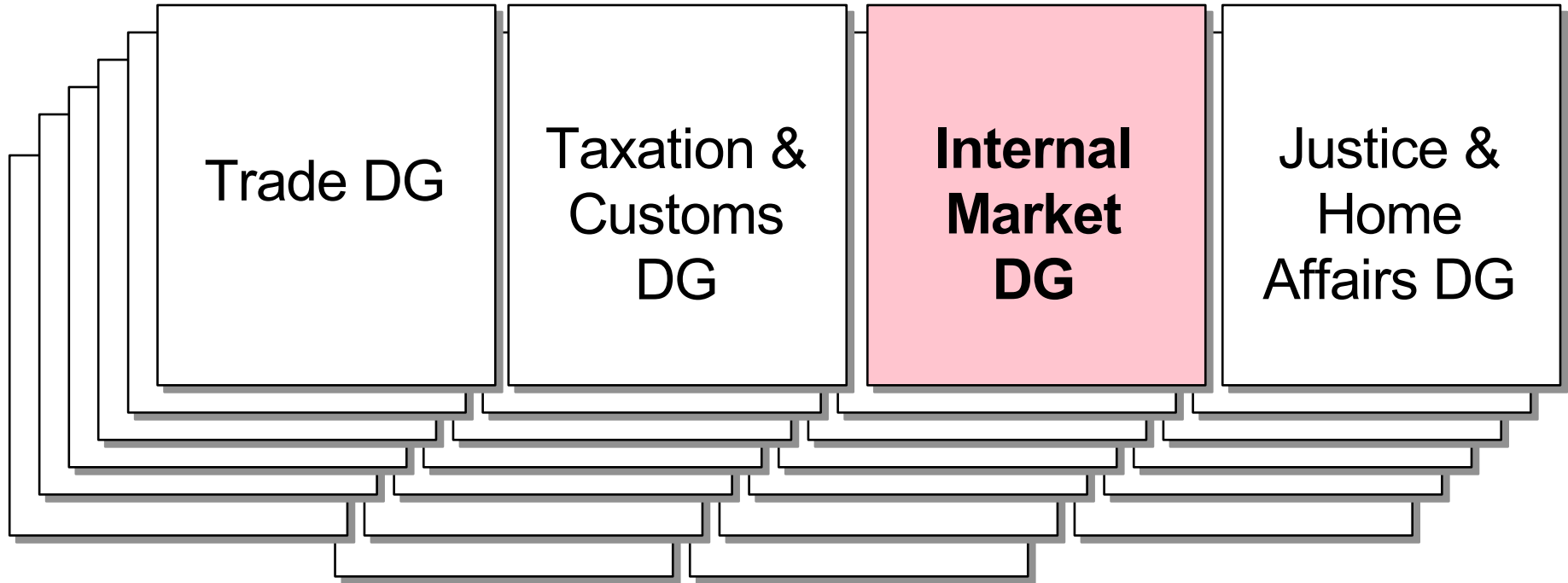
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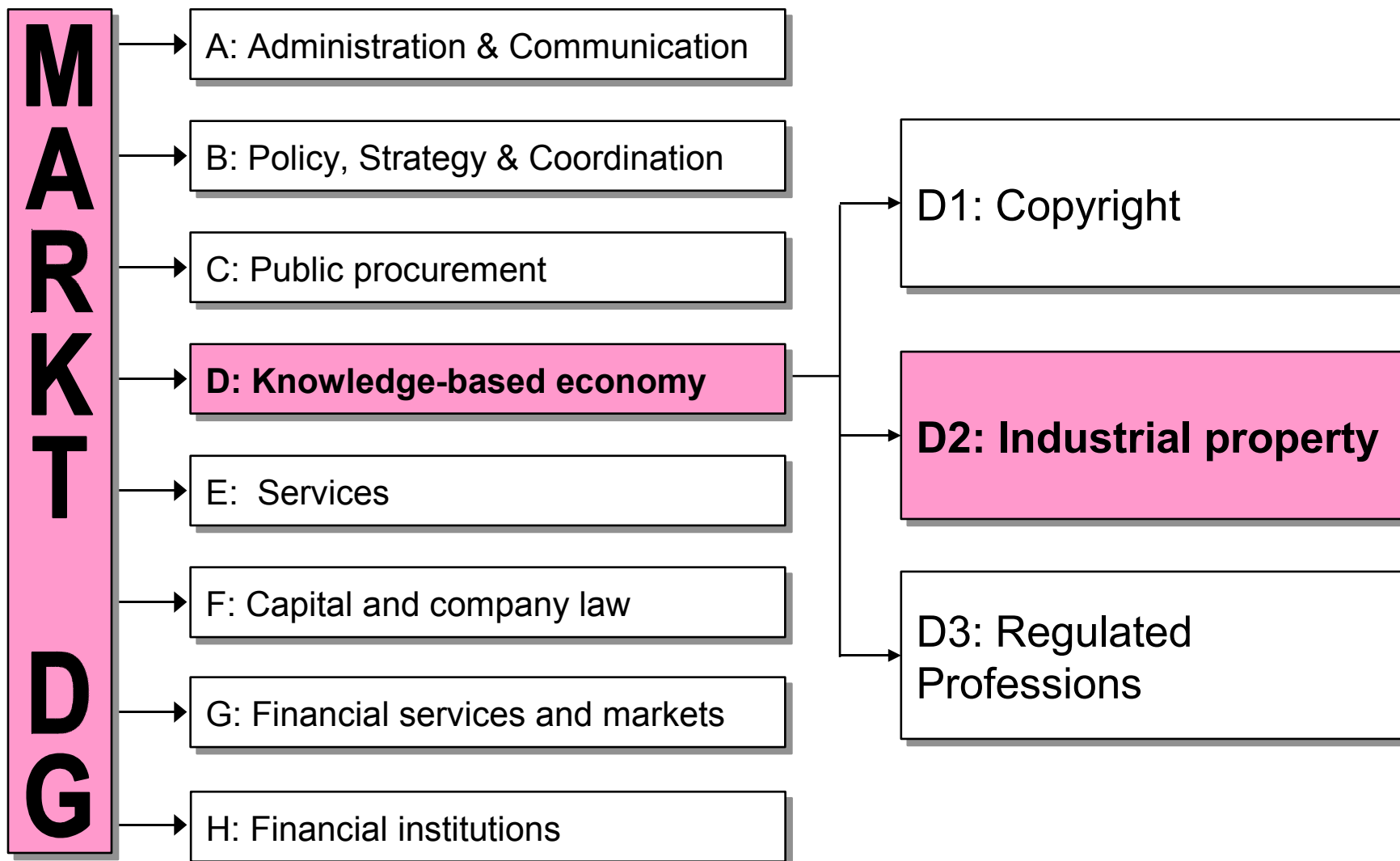
# European Commission structure



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# Structure of Internal Market DG



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# Background

- **Proposals on Community Patent – July 2000**
- **Council “common political approach” – November 2003**
- **Consultation on Future Patent Policy in Europe – January 2006**
- **Communication “Enhancing the patent system in Europe” - 3 April 2007**

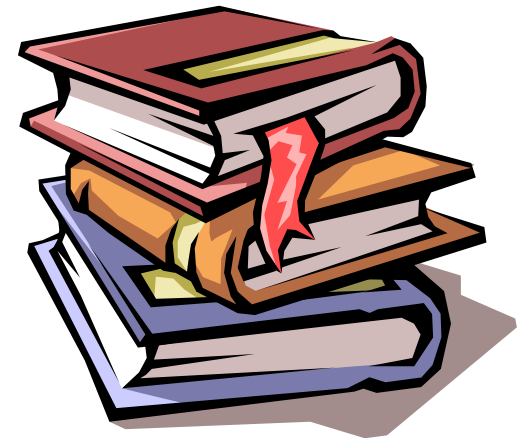


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# Need for 'horizontal' IPR paper

- **logical follow-up to patent only Communication**
- **importance of flanking measures**



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# Timescales



- **first draft**
  - September 2007
- **interservice consultation**
  - November 2007
- **adoption & publication by Commission**
  - April 2008



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# Some words of caution...

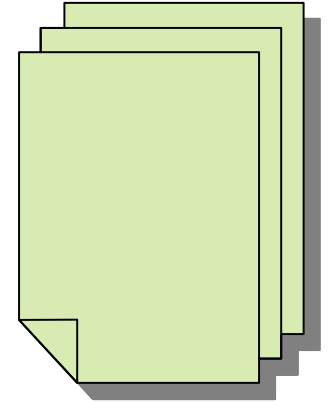
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- **interservice consultation required**
- **all timescales subject to change!**



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# The fiches... (1)



- **quality in patent granting**
- **SMEs and IPR**
- **Gower's review**
- **Economic and social value of patents**
- **ADR and mediation**
- **patent litigation insurance**
- **...**

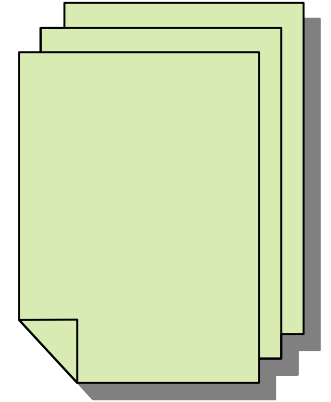


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# The fiches... (2)



- **competition and IPR**
- **enforcement**
- **global IPR issues**
- **completion of the Single Market**
- **technology transfer**
- **national IPR strategies/Lisbon agenda**
- **branding/economic value of trademarks**



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# Further information



[http://ec.europa.eu/internal\\_market/indprop/piracy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/indprop/piracy/index_en.htm)



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