

Policymaking Institutions and Environmental Policy

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- Option 3: Agenda procedure—an agenda-setter decides the order of the pairwise comparisons

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 - ▶ Each branch is an institution; it contains sets of rules regarding decision-making