Generalizations about What Models Fit Various Types of Governmental Actors

Legislative Bodies/Parliaments

In general, Legislative Bodies like parliaments tend to make decisions that are characterized by a group equilibrium model. Among the “actors” seeking to influence legislative action (law making) are :

1. Business, in the form of individual companies or industry associations
2. Unions
3. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
4. Other parts of government, e.g., regulatory agencies, ministries
5. State or provincial governments
6. Foreign governments
7. Political parties (especially if the parliament is ruled by a coalition government of multiple parties, which is true in almost all European countries)

Regulatory Bodies

Regulatory bodies are implementing laws and regulations established by legislative bodies. If the regulatory bodies have a specialized focus that requires policy be data—driven, a rational moel usually applies.

If implementation requires extensive scientific expertise, a new class elite (scientific experts) applies.