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EU documents forwarded directly to the Croatian Parliament

Pursuant to the Protocol (no. 1) on the Role of National Parliaments in the European Union, all draft legislative acts and communications are forwarded directly to national parliaments.

The Croatian Parliament publishes daily the received EU documents, along with information on the reference code assigned to each document, the applicable adoption procedure, its submission date and the timeframe for carrying out the subsidiarity check.

In August 2026, the EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament 39 documents: 25 draft legislative acts, and 14 communications and other non-binding documents.

Announcement of the Interparliamentary Conference “From Field to Sea – A Common Vision for EU Food Security and Strategic Autonomy” Dubrovnik, 27-29 September 2026

As part of the Croatian Presidency of the MED9 group of the European Union, the Agriculture Committee of the Croatian Parliament will host the Interparliamentary Conference "From Field to Sea – A Common Vision for EU Food Security and Strategic Autonomy", which will be held in Dubrovnik from 27 to 29 September 2026.

The Conference will bring together representatives of the national parliaments of the MED9 EU Member States and key decision-makers at the European level, representatives of the

European Commission and the European Parliament, COPA-COGECA, chambers, associations as well as representatives of the agricultural, forestry and fisheries sectors, and the academic and professional communities. It will provide an opportunity to exchange views on the future of European agricultural and fisheries policies, their financing after 2027, and the role of the agri-food and fisheries sectors in strengthening the food security and resilience of the European Union.

The conference will place particular emphasis on sustainability and competitiveness of the European agri-food and fisheries sectors, the vitality of rural, island and coastal areas, and food security as a component of the national security and resilience of the Member States.

The above topics will be discussed in three panels:

Panel I – Mediterranean agriculture and the CAP after 2027

The first Panel will be dedicated to the future of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) after 2027, with a particular focus on the current situation and needs of Mediterranean agriculture.

The discussion will focus on the future financing and implementation of the CAP, including the adequacy of funding for agriculture and rural development and the possible move away from the current two-pillar structure. Particular attention will be given to the future of sectoral interventions of particular relevance to Mediterranean Member States, such as the wine envelope, apiculture programmes, and operational programmes for fruit and vegetables and olive oil.

Other key topics will include competitiveness and sustainability of agriculture, generational renewal, the position of young farmers and climate change, water scarcity, soil degradation and increasing frequency of extreme weather events. Emphasis will be placed on the need for the future CAP to better recognize the specific challenges and characteristics of the Mediterranean region and to ensure fair and efficient conditions for farmers in each Member States.

Panel II – Maintaining the competitiveness of Mediterranean fisheries and the vitality of island communities

The second Panel will focus on the future of Mediterranean fisheries and aquaculture, especially in the context of sustainable management of marine resources, rising production costs and increasingly strong global competition.

At the center of the discussion will be the position of small-scale, traditional and professional fishers and the role of fisheries and aquaculture in safeguarding jobs, food security, generational renewal and the vitality of island and coastal communities.

The future financing of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), the need for the renewal and modernization of the fishing fleet and investments in more energy-efficient technologies will

also be considered. Particular emphasis will be placed on the need for sustainable management of marine resources to also have a social, financial and market dimension, so that small-scale and coastal fishers do not bear the greatest burden of restrictions and rising costs.

The Panel will also address the issue of ensuring equal standards for fishery and aquaculture products from third countries, in order to prevent unfair competition to European producers.

Panel III – Food security as a pillar of national security and resilience

The third Panel will link agriculture, fisheries and the food system with one of the key strategic issues of today's Europe – national and European security.

Recent crises, including pandemics, climate-related disruptions, wars and energy and geopolitical crises, have demonstrated how important the ability to ensure sufficient quantities of safe, high-quality and accessible food is for a country's resilience.

The discussion will therefore focus on reducing strategic dependencies, the resilience of food supply chains and national emergency preparedness and response plans. Particular attention will be given to the need to maintain continuity in food production, processing, storage, logistics and distribution of food, as well as to establish effective crisis management mechanisms in agriculture.

In the context of increasing investments in defense and security, the possibility of recognizing dual-purpose strategic agricultural-food and fishing infrastructure - such as silos, storage and distribution centers, mills, slaughterhouses, cold storage facilities, processing capacities and fishing fleets - will be discussed as part of a wider system of civil preparedness and resilience.

The Conference will thus address the question of how to ensure that the European agricultural, fishing and food systems are not only competitive and sustainable, but also resilient enough to withstand and respond effectively to crises while maintaining a stable food supply under both normal and extraordinary circumstances.