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The *European Affairs in the Croatian Parliament Bulletin* is published monthly by the European Affairs Department. The Bulletin provides an overview of the Parliament's work related to European affairs and arising from the membership of the Republic of Croatia in the European Union.

The Croatian Parliament, as the national parliament of an EU member state, participates in the decision-making process at the European level by overseeing the activities of the Government in the European Union institutions and by exercising the powers conferred on national parliaments by the Lisbon Treaty.

Activities of the European Affairs Committee

The Committee for European Affairs carries out European affairs in accordance with the Act on the Cooperation of the Croatian Parliament and the Government of the Republic of Croatia in European Affairs and the Rules of Procedure of the Croatian Parliament.

At the 83rd session, held on 13 March 2024, the State Secretary for Europe at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs reported on the meeting of the General Affairs Council held on February 20 and preparations for the next meeting of the General Affairs Council.

Sessions of the Committee for European Affairs during the 10th convocation of the Croatian Parliament

During the 10th convocation of the Croatian Parliament, the Committee for European Affairs held a total of 83 meetings, of which one meeting was cancelled, and 11 meetings were held electronically.

Out of the total number of sessions, 4 sessions were thematic. Jointly with other working bodies, 18 sessions were held.

At 40 sessions, the Committee discussed the positions of the Republic of Croatia on European Union documents (documents marked D.E.U.). Eight sessions were dedicated to the reports from the meetings of the Council of the European Union and 10 to the reports from the meetings of the European Council. At 5 sessions, the Committee discussed the priorities of the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The Committee submitted 153 positions of the Republic of Croatia on European Union documents to other working bodies of the Croatian Parliament, and reached conclusions on 114 such documents.

Monitoring the work of the Government in the European Union institutions

In March 2024, the Croatian Government submitted to the Parliament its positions for five Council meetings:

- 4008 Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (Energy)
- 4009 Justice and Home Affairs Council
- 4010 Competitiveness Council (Internal Market and Industry)
- 4011 Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (Employment and Social Policy)
- 4012 Economic and Financial Affairs Council

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 March 2024, the EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament 62 documents: 33 draft legislative acts, 29 communications and other non-binding documents.

Application of EU law

In March 2024, the Croatian Parliament enacted four laws in the process of harmonization with European Union law.