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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.

***Work Programme for the Consideration
of the Positions of the Republic of Croatia for the year 2023***

At its 60th session, held on 9 March 2023, on the occasion of the 11th anniversary of the ratification of the Treaty on the Accession of Croatia to the European Union in the Croatian Parliament, the Committee for European Affairs adopted the Work Programme for the Consideration of the Positions of the Republic of Croatia for the year 2023.

After the Vice-President of the European Commission, Dubravka Šuica, and the Swedish Ambassador to Croatia, Diana Helen Madunic, presented to the European Affairs Committee the 2023 European Commission Work Programme and the priorities of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the President of the Committee invited all parliamentary committees to submit legislative proposals and non-legislative acts and initiatives of the European Commission from their scope for the inclusion in this year's Work Programme.

17 working bodies responded to the call, and the Committee for European Affairs, based on their proposals, adopted the Work Programme for 2023, which contains a total of 27 priority proposals for legislative acts of the European Union and 51 initiatives within which the European Commission plans to publish proposals for legislative and non-legislative acts during this year.

Activities of the European Affairs Committee

At its 59th session, held on 3 March, the Committee discussed European documents in accordance with the Work Programme for the Consideration of the Positions of the Republic of Croatia for 2021.

At its 60th session, held on 9 March, the Committee adopted Work Programme for the Consideration of the Positions of the Republic of Croatia for the year 2023 and European Affairs Committee Annual Activity Report for the year 2022.

At its 61st session, held on 28 March, jointly with the Committee for Finance and State Budget and the Committee for Regional Development and European Union Funds, the Committee discussed the synergy and coordination of cohesion policy and the Mechanism for Recovery and Resilience. Member of the European Court of Auditors Ivana Maletić, Minister of Regional Development and European Union Funds Šime Erlić and Special Advisor to the Prime Minister Zvonimir Savić participated at the session. /press release/

Positions of the Republic of Croatia on EU documents

In accordance with the work programmes for consideration of the positions of the Republic of Croatia for 2022 and 2023, the European Affairs Committee forwarded 16 positions of the Republic of Croatia on EU documents to the working bodies of the Parliament for their opinion.

Monitoring the work of the Government in the European Union institutions

In March 2023, the Croatian Government submitted to the Parliament its positions for 10 Council meetings:

- 3934 Competitiveness Council (Internal Market and Industry)
- 3935 Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council (Education)
- 3936 Justice and Home Affairs Council
- 3937 Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Protection Council
- 3938 Economic and Financial Affairs Council
- 3939 Environment Council
- 3940 Agriculture and Fisheries Council
- 3941 Foreign Affairs Council
- 3942 General Affairs Council
- 3943 Transport, Telecommunication and Energy Council (Energy)

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 2023, the EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament 64 documents: 34 draft legislative acts, and 30 communications and other non-binding documents.

Application of EU law

In March 2023, the Croatian Parliament enacted 8 laws in the process of harmonization with European Union law.