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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.

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 its 76th session, held on 14th and 15th December, the Committee discussed <u>European documents</u> in accordance with the Work Programme for the Consideration of the Positions of the Republic of Croatia for <u>2022</u> and <u>2023</u>.

Positions of the Republic of Croatia on EU documents

In accordance with the Work programme for consideration of the positions of the Republic of Croatia for 2023, the European Affairs Committee forwarded in December 2023 <u>three positions</u> 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 December 2023, the Croatian Government submitted to the Parliament its positions for 12 Council meetings:

- 3989 General Affairs Council (Cohesion)
- 3990 Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council (Health)
- 3991 Transport, Telecomunications and Energy Council (<u>Transport</u> and <u>Telecomunications</u>)
- 3992 Justice and Home Affairs Council
- 3993 <u>Competitiveness Council</u> (Research and Space)
- 3994 Economic and Financial Affairs Council
- 3995 Agriculture and Fisheries Council
- 3996 Foreign Affairs Council
- 3997 General Affairs Council
- 3998 Environment Council
- 3999 <u>Transport, Telecomunications and Energy Council</u> (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 December 2023, the EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament <u>46</u> <u>documents</u>: 27 draft legislative acts, and 19 communications and other non-binding documents.

Application of EU law

In December 2023, the Croatian Parliament enacted <u>eight laws</u> in the process of harmonization with European Union law.