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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 63<sup>rd</sup> session, held on 5 May, 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 2021 and 2022.

**At its 64<sup>th</sup> session,** held on 18 May, 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 2021 and 2023.

**At its 65**<sup>th</sup> **session,** held on 26 May, 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>2021</u>.

## Monitoring the work of the Government in the European Union institutions

In May 2023, the Croatian Government submitted to the Parliament its positions for 9 Council meetings:

- <u>3946</u> Foreign Affairs Council (Development)
- 3947 Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council
- 3948 Economic and Financial Affairs Council
- <u>3949</u> Competitiveness Council
- <u>3950</u> Foreign Affairs Council
- <u>3950-1</u> Foreign Affairs Council (Defence)
- <u>3951</u> Foreign Affairs Council (Trade)
- 3952 General Affairs Council
- <u>3953</u> Agriculture and Fisheries 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 May 2023, the EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament <u>38 documents</u>: 25 draft legislative acts, and 13 communications and other non-binding documents.

#### Application of EU law

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

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