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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 71**<sup>st</sup> **session,** held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October, 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>.

**At its 72<sup>nd</sup> session,** held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 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 2022 and 2023.

#### 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 <u>two 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 October 2023, the Croatian Government submitted to the Parliament its positions for eight Council meetings:

- <u>3972</u> Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council
- 3973 Environment Council
- 3974 Transport, Telecomunications and Energy Council
- 3975 Economic and Financial Affairs Council
- 3976 Justice and Home Council
- 3977 Agriculture and Fisheries Council
- 3978 Foreign Affairs Council
- 3979 General 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 October 2023, the EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament <u>70 documents</u>: 45 draft legislative acts, and 25 communications and other non-binding documents.

## Application of EU law

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

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