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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 67<sup>th</sup> session,** held on 1 June, 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 68**<sup>th</sup> **session,** held on 11 July, the ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain to the Republic of Croatia presented the priorities of the Spanish presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Ambassador González-Barba presented the four priorities of the Spanish Presidency for the next six months, namely the re-industrialization of the EU and ensuring its open strategic autonomy, progress in the field of green transition and adaptation to environmental protection requirements, promoting greater social and economic fairness and strengthening European unity.

**At its 69<sup>th</sup> session,** held on 11 July, jointly with the Environment and Nature Conservation Committee, the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development reported on the discussion on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on nature restoration at the meeting of the Environment Council (ENVI) held on June 20, 2023.

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

In July 2023, the Croatian Government submitted to the Parliament its positions for four Council meetings:

- <u>3963</u> General Affairs Council
- 3964 Economic and Financial Affairs Council
- 3965 Foreign Affairs Council
- <u>3966</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 July 2023, the EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament <u>93 documents</u>: 70 draft legislative acts, and 23 communications and other non-binding documents.

### Application of EU law

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

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