

The “European Affairs in the Croatian Parliament” bulletin is published monthly by the European Affairs Department. It provides the reader with an overview of parliamentary activities in the field of EU affairs and inter-parliamentary cooperation as well as with access to EU documents forwarded to national parliaments.

In Focus

Fit for 55’ - Delivering the EU’s 2030 climate target

The European Commission adopted a package of proposals to make the EU's climate, energy, land use, transport and taxation **policies fit for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030**, compared to 1990 levels. Achieving these emission reductions in the next decade is crucial to Europe becoming the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050 and making the [European Green Deal](#) a reality. With these proposals, the Commission is presenting the legislative tools to **deliver on the targets agreed in the European Climate Law** and fundamentally transform our economy and society for a fair, green and prosperous future.

The [European Green Deal](#), presented by the Commission on 11 December 2019, sets the goal of making Europe the first climate-neutral continent by 2050. The [European Climate Law](#), which enters into force this month, enshrines in binding legislation the EU's commitment to climate neutrality and the intermediate target of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels. The EU's commitment to reduce its net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030 was [communicated to the UNFCCC](#) in December 2020 as the EU's contribution to meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement.

As a result of the EU's existing climate and energy legislation, the EU's greenhouse gas emissions have already fallen [by 24%](#) compared to 1990, while the EU economy has grown by around 60% in the same period, decoupling growth from emissions. This tested and proven legislative framework forms the basis of this package of legislation.

The Commission has conducted extensive impact assessments before presenting these proposals to measure the opportunities and costs of the green transition. In September 2020 a [comprehensive impact assessment](#) underpinned the Commission's proposal to increase the EU's 2030 net emissions reduction target to at least 55%, compared to 1990 levels. It showed that this target is both achievable and beneficial. The legislative proposals are supported by detailed impact assessments, taking into account the interconnection with other parts of the package.

The EU's long-term budget for the next seven years will provide support to the green transition. 30% of programmes under the €2 trillion 2021-2027 [Multiannual Financial Framework](#) and [NextGenerationEU](#) are dedicated to supporting climate action; 37% of the €723.8 billion (in current prices) [Recovery and Resilience Facility](#), which will finance Member States' national recovery programmes under NextGenerationEU, is allocated to climate action.

The proposals will enable the necessary acceleration of greenhouse gas emission reductions in the next decade. They combine: application of emissions trading to new sectors and a tightening of the existing EU Emissions Trading System; increased use of renewable energy; greater energy efficiency; a faster roll-out of low emission transport modes and the infrastructure and fuels to support them; an alignment of taxation policies with the European Green Deal objectives; measures to prevent carbon leakage; and tools to preserve and grow our natural carbon sinks.



Activities of the Croatian Parliament in the Decision-Making Process

Activities of the parliamentary committees

European Affairs Committee

On 24th session held on 8 July 2021 the Committee discussed:

- Report on the European Council meetings held in February, March, May and June 2021. with the State Secretary for Europe Andreja Metelko Zgombić,
- Program and priorities of the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union with Slovenian Ambassador Vojislav Šuc and
- European documents in accordance with the Work Programme for the Consideration of the Positions of the Republic of Croatia for 2020.

Other committees

Other parliamentary committees discussed European documents in accordance with the Work Programme for the Consideration of the Positions of the Republic of Croatia for 2020.

Monitoring the work of the Government in the European Union institutions

European Council

In July, Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Croatia submitted to the Parliament written Report on the European Council meetings held in February, March, May and June 2021.

Prime Minister presented Report at the session of Parliament on 12 July 2021. The report is adopted on 15 July 2021.

Council

The Croatian Government submitted to the relevant parliamentary committees its positions for 3 Council meetings held in July 2021.

Application of EU law

In July 2021, the Croatian Parliament enacted 5 laws in the process of harmonization with European Union law.

EU documents Forwarded Directly to the Croatian Parliament

According to the Protocol (no 1) on the Role of the National Parliaments in the European Union, all draft laws and communications shall be forwarded directly to the national parliaments.

The Croatian Parliament publishes on a daily basis the EU documents received, along with the information on: document number, adoption procedure, transmission date and subsidiarity deadline.

In July 2021, EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament X documents: 12 draft laws and 6 communications and other non-binding documents.



Inter-parliamentary Cooperation in the European Union

Inter-parliamentary cooperation in the European Union encompasses the cooperation between the European Parliament and the national parliaments and the cooperation among the national parliaments in the frame of the parliamentary dimension of the Council Presidency.

14 July – Bruxelles, videoconference – Meeting of the Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean

Members of the Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean of the Croatian Parliament Marko Pavić i Sanja Radolović participated at the meeting.

During the meeting participants exchanged views on the Euro-Mediterranean situation and on the main prospects for the short and medium term. Additionally, the draft Recommendation “Fight against global warming - A global challenge in the Mediterranean region” was presented and discussed.

19 July 2021 – Ljubljana, videoconference – COSAC Chairpersons Meeting

The event was co-chaired by the Chair of the National Assembly Committee on EU Affairs and the Chair of the National Council Commission for International Relations and European Affairs.

Chairman of the European Affairs Committee Domagoj Hajduković participated at the meeting.

The first topic of the meeting focused on presenting the priorities of the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU, while the second was related to the challenges and opportunities of cybersecurity in the EU.

