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In Focus

Parliamentary dimension of the Croatian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

The presidency of the Council of the European Union also has a parliamentary dimension. It includes the cooperation of national parliaments of the EU Member States and the European Parliament within the scope of inter-parliamentary meetings instituted by the provisions of the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as well as by specific legal acts such as the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union and the Europol Regulation.

The Croatian Parliament as the national parliament of the Member State holding the Council presidency from 1 January to 30 June 2020 is responsible for the implementation of the parliamentary dimension of the Council presidency which will be reflected through organising five inter-parliamentary events. At these conferences and meetings representatives of national parliaments and the European Parliament will discuss topics of common interest for the European Union and national parliaments, derived from the strategic documents of European institutions and the Programme and priorities of the Croatian Presidency of the Council of the EU.

Conferences and meetings at parliamentary level bring together between 150 and 400 participants and are very demanding in organizational terms. Four of the five conferences will be held in Zagreb, in the National and University Library and in the Westin Hotel, and one Conference will be held in the framework of the European Parliamentary Week at the European Parliament in Brussels.

The Croatian Parliament organizes the conferences and meetings in cooperation with the European Parliament and the Presidential Troika, composed of delegations of national parliaments of the Member States of the previous, current and future presidency of the Council. In accordance with the rules of procedure of the inter-parliamentary conferences and meetings, the Croatian Parliament is obliged to participate in the work of the presidential Troikas from 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2020. During the Croatian Presidency, the Troika will be Finland, Croatia and Germany.

parleu2020.sabor.hr – Croatian Parliament’s website of the parliamentary dimension of the
Croatian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

The Croatian Parliament has launched on 18 December 2019 the [website](#) for the purpose of communicating and following the activities of the parliamentary dimension of the Croatian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The website is fully trilingual (Croatian, English and French).

Besides this website, the Croatian Parliament will also use the following social media communication tools: Twitter, YouTube, Flickr and Facebook.



Calendar of inter-parliamentary conferences and meetings
within the framework of the Parliamentary Dimension of the Croatian Presidency of the
Council of the European Union
1 January – 30 June 2020

Date	Meeting
19 – 20 January 2020	Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees for Union Affairs (COSAC), Zagreb
18 – 19 February 2020	Inter-parliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union, European Parliament, Brussels
2 – 4 March 2020	Inter-parliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CFSP/CSDP), Zagreb
22 – 23 March 2020	6th Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG) on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol), Zagreb
24 – 26 May 2020	LXIII Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC), Zagreb

Activities of the Croatian Parliament in the Decision-Making Process

Activities of the parliamentary committees

European Affairs Committee held 55th session on 29 November 2020 in order to discuss preparations for the Croatia's EU Presidency with the Government's coordinator Gordan Markotić.

Monitoring the work of the Government in the European Union institutions

European Council

Prime Minister of the Government of the Republic of Croatia submitted to the Parliament [report](#) on the European Council meetings in October 2019. The report is presented at the session of Parliament on 27 November 2019. On 29 November 2019 report is adopted.

Council

The Croatian Government submitted to the relevant parliamentary committees its positions for the November Council meetings:

- 3726 Foreign affairs Council
- 3726-1 Foreign affairs Council – defence
- 3732 Foreign affairs Council – development



Application of EU law

In November, Croatian Parliament enacted 4 laws in the process of implementation of European 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 November 2019, EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament [47 documents](#): 20 draft laws, 27 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.

In November 2019 and in the eve of Croatian Presidency, chairman of the European Affairs Committee Domagoj Ivan Milošević had meetings with European Commission Director General for Trade Sabine Weyand, president of the European Economic and Social Committee Luca Jahier and European Commission Secretary General Ilze Juhansone.

