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In Focus

Towards EP Elections 2019

The ninth elections for the European Parliament will take place from 23 to 26 May 2019. In June 2018, the European Council adopted a Decision (EU) 2018/937 on the composition of the European Parliament in the next parliamentary term. The Decision takes into account Brexit, and reduces and redistributes European Parliament seats. In the period from 2019 to 2024, the European Parliament will have 705 Members, 46 less than in the current 2014 to 2019 parliamentary term. Of the 73 seats vacated by Brexit, the remaining 27 seats will be reallocated among 13 Member States to better reflect the principle of digressive proportionality. Croatia gained one seat and will have 12 representatives in the next parliamentary term.

However, in the event that the United Kingdom is still a Member State of the Union at the beginning of the 2019-2024 parliamentary term, the allocation of seats in the European Parliament from the eighth term (2014-2019) will be provisionally applied until the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union becomes legally effective. Once Brexit becomes legally effective and 73 UK Members “leave” the European Parliament, the new distribution of seats among Member States in the European Parliament will be applied in accordance with the June 2018 European Council Decision.

In accordance with the Article 7 of the Republic of Croatia European Parliamentary Elections Act (OG 9210, 23/13 and 143/13), the President of the Republic makes the Decision to announce elections to the European Parliament. The Election Day is Sunday and exceptionally for Croatian citizens who vote abroad, the election day may also be the Saturday preceding.



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 August 2018, EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament [36 documents](#): 36 draft laws, 18 communications and other non-binding documents.

Interparliamentary activities in September 2018

17 – 18 September – Vienna – Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union

24 – 25 September – Bruxelles – Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol (JPSG)

27 – 28 September – Bruxelles – Tenth Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting (ASEP10)

