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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 the 7th session, held on 13 November 2024, the Committee discussed the Annual reports of the European Court of Auditors for 2023, the Report on the utilization of funds from the Recovery and Resilience Mechanism and the Report on contribution of the Mechanism to the implementation of green transition policies.

The session was held jointly with the Committee for Finance and State Budget, the Committee for Regional Development and European Union Funds, the Committee for the Economy and the Committee for Agriculture.

Monitoring the work of the Government in the European Union institutions

In November 2024, the Croatian Government submitted to the Parliament its positions for 8 Council meetings:

- Economic and Financial Affairs Council on 5 November 2024
- Economic and Financial Affairs Council (Budget) on 15 November 2024
- Foreign Affairs Council on 18 November 2024
- Agriculture and Fisheries Council on 18 November 2024

- General Affairs Council on 19 November 2024
- Foreign Affairs Council (Defence) on 19 November 2024
- Foreign Affairs Council (Trade) on 21 November 2024
- Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council on 25 and 26 November 2024

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 November 2024, the EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament <u>48</u> <u>documents</u>: 33 draft legislative acts, and 15 communications and other non-binding documents.

Application of EU law

In November 2024, the Croatian Parliament enacted <u>eight laws</u> in the process of harmonization with European Union law.

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