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The European Affairs in the Croatian Parliament Bulletin is published monthly by the European Affairs Department. The Bulletin provides an overview of the Parliament's work related to European affairs and arising from the membership of the Republic of Croatia in the European Union.

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.

Debate on Government's Reports on European Council meetings in October and December 2024

In accordance with the Law on the Cooperation of the Croatian Parliament and the Government of the Republic of Croatia in European affairs, the Prime Minister submits a written report to the Parliament on the meetings of the European Council.

At the beginning of the 5th session, on 15 January 2025, the Croatian Parliament held a joint debate on:

- the Report of the Prime Minister on the meeting held at the summit of the European Union and the Gulf Cooperation Council and the meeting of the European Council in October 2024 and
- <u>the Report</u> on the meeting of the European Council 19 December 2024 and the meeting at the summit of the European Union Western Balkans on 18 December 2024.

After the debate, the Parliament accepted the submitted Reports on 24 January 2025.

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 9th session, held on 14 January 2025, the Committee discussed and accepted:

- the Report of the Prime Minister on the meeting held at the summit of the European Union and the Gulf Cooperation Council and the meeting of the European Council in October 2024 and
- the Report on the meeting of the European Council 19 December 2024 and the meeting at the summit of the European Union Western Balkans on 18 December 2024 and
- the Proposal of the Harmonization Plan of the Legislation of the Republic of Croatia with the acquis of the European Union for 2025.

Positions of the Republic of Croatia on EU documents

In accordance with the Work programme for consideration of the positions of the Republic of Croatia for 2024, the European Affairs Committee forwarded <u>five positions</u> of the Republic of Croatia on EU documents to the working bodies of the Parliament for their opinion.

Monitoring the work of the Government in the European Union institutions

In January 2025, the Croatian Government submitted to the Parliament its positions for four Council meetings:

- Economic and Financial Affairs Council on 21 January 2025
- Agriculture and Fisheries Council on 27 January 2025
- Foreign Affairs Council on 27 January 2025
- General Affairs Council on 28 January 2025

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 January 2025, the EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament <u>53 documents</u>: 15 draft legislative acts, and 38 communications and other non-binding documents.

Application of EU law				
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In January 2025, the Croatian Parliament enacted $\underline{4 \text{ laws}}$ in the process of harmonization with European Union law.

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