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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 8th session, held on 11 December 2024, the Committee discussed the report on the implementation of the program for the use of EU funds in period 2021–2027, the implementation of the National Program for Recovery and Resilience and the report of the European Court of Auditors on the design of the Cohesion Policy. The reports were presented by Šime Erlić, Minister of Regional Development and EU Funds, Zvonimir Savić, Advisor to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, Ivana Maletić, Member of the European Court of Auditors and Nikolina Brnjac, Member of the European Parliament.

The session was held jointly with the Committee for Regional Development and European Union Funds, the Labour, Retirement System and Social Partnership Committee and the Committee for Agriculture.

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>one position</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 December 2024, the Croatian Government submitted to the Parliament its positions for 13 Council meetings:

- Competitiveness Council (Internal Market and Industry) on 28 November 2024
- <u>Competitiveness Council</u> (Research and Space) on 29 November 2024
- <u>Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council</u> (Employment and Social Policy) on 2 December 2024
- <u>Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council</u> (Health) on 3 December 2024
- Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (Transport) on 5 December 2024
- <u>Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council</u> (Telecommunications) on 6 December 2024
- <u>Agriculture and Fisheries Council</u> on 8–9 December 2024
- Economic and Financial Affairs Council on 10 December 2024
- Justice and Home Affairs Council on 12–13 December 2024
- Foreign Affairs Council on 16 December 2024
- Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council (Energy) on 16 December 2024
- General Affairs Council on 17 December 2024
- Environment Council on 17 December 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 December 2024, the EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament <u>29</u> <u>documents</u>: 8 draft legislative acts, and 21 communications and other non-binding documents.

Application of EU law

In December 2024, the Croatian Parliament enacted <u>15 laws</u> in the process of harmonization with European Union law.

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