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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 10th session, held on 11th February 2025, the Committee discussed the Report on the candidacy of the Republic of Croatia for membership of the Court of Auditors of the European Union, in the mandate period from 2025 to 2031. After the discussion, the Committee supported the Report in question, in which Ivana Maletić is proposed as a candidate for a member of the Court of Auditors of the European Union.

At the 11th session, held on 13th February 2025, the Committee discussed the Polish presidency of the Council of the European Union. The program and priorities were presented by the ambassador of Poland in Croatia. The members of the Interparliamentary Friendship Group Croatia - Poland also participated in the session. (*press release*)

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>four 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 February 2025, the Croatian Government submitted to the Parliament its positions for four Council meetings:

- Economic and Financial Affairs Council on 18 February 2025
- Agriculture and Fisheries Council on 24 February 2025
- Foreign Affairs Council on 24 February 2025
- General Affairs Council on 25 February 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 February 2025, the EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament <u>39</u> <u>documents</u>: 20 draft legislative acts, and 19 communications and other non-binding documents.

Application of EU law

In February 2025, the Croatian Parliament enacted <u>7 laws</u> in the process of harmonization with European Union law.

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