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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.

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 4th session, held on 2 October 2024, with the Committee for Regional Development and European Union Funds, the Committee discussed the report of the Ministry of Regional Development and European Union Funds on the meeting of the Council of the European Union in the format of cohesion ministers that took place on 18 June 2024. The report on the Council meeting was submitted orally by the state secretary who participated in the Council meeting. After the discussion, the Committee accepted the report.

At the 5th session, held on 11 October 2024, with the Committee on Agriculture, the Committee discussed the report of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries on the meeting of the Council of the European Union for Agriculture and Fisheries held on 23 September 2024 and the preparations for the meeting on 21 October 2024. The report on the Council meeting and preparations for the next meeting was submitted orally by a representative of the Ministry. After the discussion, the Committee accepted the report.

At the 6th session, held on 25 October 2024, the Committee discussed the Government's Report on candidates of the Republic of Croatia for judges of the General Court in the mandate period from 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2031. The report was presented at the Committee session by the Minister of Justice, Administration and Digital Transformation, who is also the President of the Commission for the Selection of Candidates of the Republic of Croatia for Judges and an Independent Advocate at the Court of Justice of the European Union. Both candidates from the

Republic of Croatia took part in the session, in accordance with the provisions of Article 15 of the Act on the Cooperation of the Croatian Parliament and the Government of the Republic of Croatia in European Affairs.

After the discussion, the Committee accepted the Report.

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 in October 2024 3 positions 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 October 2024, the Croatian Government submitted to the Parliament its positions for 10 Council meetings:

- Agriculture and Fisheries Council on 23 September 2024
- General Affairs Council on 24 September 2024
- Competitiveness Council (Internal Market and Industry) on 26 September 2024
- Economic and Financial Affairs Council on 8 October 2024
- Justice and Home Affairs Council on 10 - 11 October 2024
- Environment Council on 14 October 2024
- Foreign Affairs Council on 14 October 2024
- Transport, Telecommunication and Energy Council (Energy) on 15 October 2024
- General Affairs Council on 15 October 2024
- Agriculture and Fisheries Council on 21 - 22 October 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 October 2024, the EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament 65 documents: 38 draft legislative acts, and 27 communications and other non-binding documents.

Application of EU law

In October 2024, the Croatian Parliament enacted one law in the process of harmonization with European Union law.