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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 European affairs of the Croatian Parliament in 2024

Based on the work programme of the European Commission and the programme of the Presidencies of the EU Council, the European Affairs Committee conducts preliminary discussions on the actions of Parliament in European affairs at sessions to which the Speaker of Parliament, the chairpersons of parliamentary working bodies and the chairpersons of political groups shall be invited.

The European Affairs Committee held a preliminary debate on the Parliament's action in European affairs in 2024 at the 78th session held on 26 January 2024.

At the preliminary debate, European Commission Vice President Dubravka Šuica presented the European Commission's Work Program for 2024. ([*Press release*](#))

Before the preliminary debate, on 15 January 2023 the Chairman of the European Affairs Committee invited working bodies to submit notifications on priority proposals of legislative and non-legislative acts and initiatives of the European Commission in order to adopt the Work Program for consideration of the position of the Republic of Croatia for the year 2024.

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 its 77th session held on 19 January 2024, the Committee discussed

- i) The priorities of the Belgian presidency of the Council of the European Union that was presented by the Ambassador of Belgium to the Republic of Croatia H. E. William De Baets (*Press release*)
- ii) Proposal of the Harmonization Plan of the Legislation of the Republic of Croatia with the acquis of the European Union for 2024.

Political dialogue with the European Commission

At the 120th session of the Committee on Agriculture held on 24 January 2024, Janusz Wojciechowski, Commissioner of the European Commission for Agriculture, presented the main guidelines of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) related to sustainable agriculture, with reference to the contribution of the beekeeping sector to food production and the perspective of the development of ecological agriculture. (*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 2023, the European Affairs Committee forwarded in January 2024 three 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 January 2024, the Croatian Government submitted to the Parliament its positions for four Council meetings:

- 4000 Economic and Financial Affairs Council
- 4001 Foreign Affairs Council
- 4002 Agriculture and Fisheries Council
- 4003 General Affairs Council

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 2024, the EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament 53 documents: 26 draft legislative acts, and 27 communications and other non-binding documents.

Application of EU law

In January 2024, the Croatian Parliament enacted three laws in the process of harmonization with European Union law.