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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.

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***Work Programme for the Consideration  
of the Positions of the Republic of Croatia for the year 2024***

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At its 79<sup>th</sup> session, held on 7 February 2024, the Committee for European Affairs adopted the [Work Programme](#) for the Consideration of the Positions of the Republic of Croatia for the year 2024.

The Work program for the year 2024 includes 15 new initiatives of the European Commission and 22 proposals of EU legislative acts. It represents priorities of the Croatian Parliament in the field of European affairs.

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 2024 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.

15 working bodies responded to the call for notification from January 15, 2024, and all their proposals were included in the Proposal of the work program for the consideration of the position of the Republic of Croatia for the year 2024. The Chairman of the Committee suggested that the Committee includes two proposals for legislative acts of the European Union and one

initiative of the European Commission, for which the working bodies did not express interest, in the Work Program on its own initiative.

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### *Activities of the European Affairs Committee*

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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 79<sup>th</sup> session**, held on 7 February, the Committee adopted the [Work Programme](#) for the Consideration of the Positions of the Republic of Croatia for the year 2024 and and European Affairs Committee [Annual Activity Report](#) for the year 2023.

It discussed [European documents](#) in accordance with the Work Programme for the Consideration of the Positions of the Republic of Croatia for [2023](#).

**At its 80<sup>th</sup> session**, held on 15 February, the Committee discussed [European documents](#) in accordance with the Work Programme for the Consideration of the Positions of the Republic of Croatia for [2022](#) and [2023](#).

**At its 81<sup>st</sup> session**, held on 23 February, the Committee discussed [European documents](#) in accordance with the Work Programme for the Consideration of the Positions of the Republic of Croatia for [2022](#) and [2023](#).

**At its 82<sup>nd</sup> session**, held on 28 February, the Committee discussed [European documents](#) in accordance with the Work Programme for the Consideration of the Positions of the Republic of Croatia for [2022](#) and [2023](#).

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### *Positions of the Republic of Croatia on EU documents*

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In accordance with the Work programme for consideration of the positions of the Republic of Croatia for 2023, the European Affairs Committee forwarded in February 2024 [11 positions](#) of the Republic of Croatia on EU documents to the working bodies of the Parliament for their opinion.

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### *Monitoring the work of the Government in the European Union institutions*

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In February 2024, the Croatian Government submitted to the Parliament its positions for four Council meetings:

- [4004](#) Foreign Affairs Council
- [4005](#) General Affairs Council
- [4006](#) Foreign Affairs Council (Trade)
- [4007](#) Agriculture and Fisheries Council

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*EU documents forwarded directly to the Croatian Parliament*

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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 2024, the EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament 43 documents: 24 draft legislative acts, 19 communications and other non-binding documents.**

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*Application of EU law*

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