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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.

Debate on Prime Minister's Reports on the European Council Meetings

In accordance with the Law on the Cooperation of the Croatian Parliament and the Government of the Republic of Croatia in European affairs, the Prime Minister, after each meeting of the European Council, submits to the Parliament a written report on the meetings of the European Council.

At the beginning of the 13th session, on November 15, 2022, the Croatian Parliament held a joint debate on the following reports of the Prime Minister:

- [Report](#) on the meetings of the European Council held in May and June 2022 and
- [Report](#) on the meeting of the European political community and the informal meeting of the heads of state or government of the European Union, held on October 6 and 7, 2022 in Prague, and the regular meeting of the European Council, held on October 20 and 21, 2022 in Brussels.

After the hearing, the Parliament accepted the aforementioned reports on November 29, 2021.

Activities of the European Affairs Committee

At its 48th session, held on 3 November, joint with Finance and Central Budget Committee and Committee on Regional Development and EU funds, member of the European Court of Auditors Ivana Maletić presented:

1. Annual report of the European Court of Auditors for 2021,
2. The first audit report of the European Court of Auditors on the subject of the Commission's evaluation of NPOOs (thematic report 21/2022),

3. Thematic report 07/2022: Instruments for the internationalization of small and medium-sized enterprises: a large number of support measures have been introduced, but they are not fully harmonized and coordinated,
4. Overview: Tradition versus innovation – comparative analysis of cohesion policy funds and the Recovery and Resilience Fund (publication by end of 2022 or beginning of 2023).

At its 49th session, held on 10 November 2022, the Committee discussed European documents in accordance with the Work Programme for the Consideration of the Positions of the Republic of Croatia for 2021.

At its 50th session, held on 14 November 2022, the Committee discussed the following reports of Prime Minister:

- Report on the meetings of the European Council held in May and June 2022 and
- Report on the meeting of the European political community and the informal meeting of the heads of state or government of the European Union, held on October 6 and 7, 2022 in Prague, and the regular meeting of the European Council, held on October 20 and 21, 2022 in Brussels.

New EU Documents

In November 2022, the European Affairs Committee forwarded 4 European documents to other parliamentary committees.

Monitoring the work of the Government in the European Union institutions

In November 2022, the Croatian Government submitted to the relevant parliamentary committees its positions for 11 Council meetings:

- 3905 Economic and Financial Affairs Council
- 3906 Economic and Financial Affairs Council - Budget
- 3907 Foreign Affairs Council
- 3907-2 Foreign Affairs Council - Defence
- 3908 General Affairs Council
- 3909 Agriculture and Fisheries Council
- 3910 General Affairs Council - Cohesion
- 3911 Transport, Telecommunication and Energy Council
- 3912 Foreign Affairs Council - Trade
- 3913 Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council
- 3914 Foreign Affairs Council - Development

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 on a daily basis the EU documents received, 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 November 2022, the EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament 52 documents: 31 draft legislative acts, and 21 communications and other non-binding documents.