

# BULLETIN

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### In Focus

#### Rule of law Report

The European Commission has published the [first EU-wide report on the rule of law](#). Report includes input from every Member State and covers both positive and negative developments across the EU. It shows that many Member States have high rule of law standards, but important challenges to the rule of law exist in the EU. It also reflects relevant developments stemming from the emergency measures taken by Member States due to the coronavirus crisis. The report covers four main pillars with a strong bearing on the rule of law: national justice systems, anti-corruption frameworks, media pluralism and freedom, and other institutional issues related to the checks and balances essential to an effective system of democratic governance.

The aim of the new Rule of Law Report is to enlarge the existing EU toolbox with a new preventive tool and kick-start an inclusive debate and rule of law culture across the EU. It should help all Member States examine how challenges can be addressed, how they can learn from each other's experiences, and show how the rule of law can be further strengthened in full respect of national constitutional systems and traditions.

### Activities of the Croatian Parliament in the Decision-Making Process

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

##### Council

The Croatian Government submitted to the relevant parliamentary committees its positions for September Council meetings:

- 3767 – Competitiveness Council (internal market and industry)
- 3768 Agriculture and Fisheries Council
- 3769 Foreign Affairs Council
- 3770 General Affairs Council
- 3771 Competitiveness Council (research and innovation)
- Informal Transport, Telecommunication and Energy Council



## Application of EU law

In September 2020, the Croatian Parliament enacted [1 law](#) in the process of harmonization with European Union law.

### EU documents Forwarded Directly to the Croatian Parliament

According to the Protocol (no 1) on the Role of the National Parliaments in the European Union, all draft laws and communications shall be forwarded directly to the national parliaments.

The Croatian Parliament publishes on a daily basis the EU documents received, along with the information on: document number, adoption procedure, transmission date and subsidiarity deadline.

In September 2020, EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament [97 documents](#): 66 draft laws and 31 communications and other non-binding documents.

### Inter-parliamentary Cooperation in the European Union

Inter-parliamentary cooperation in the European Union encompasses the cooperation between the European Parliament and the national parliaments and the cooperation among the national parliaments in the frame of the parliamentary dimension of the Council Presidency.

#### Inter-parliamentary activities in October 2020

<b>5 October</b>	Conference of Chairpersons of committees on environment, energy, transport and agriculture from national parliaments and the European Parliament The European Green Deal and CAP (Berlin, video conference)
<b>12 October</b>	Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the EU (Berlin, video conference)
<b>27 October</b>	European Parliament Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI) Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on "Better Law Making from a digital perspective" (Brussels, video conference)
<b>28 October</b>	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Conference of Danube Parliamentarians in the framework of the Croatian presidency of the EU Strategy for the Danube region (EUSDR) (Zagreb, video conference)

