

# BULLETIN

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The “European Affairs in the Croatian Parliament” bulletin is published monthly by the European Affairs Department. It provides the reader with an overview of parliamentary activities in the field of EU affairs and inter-parliamentary cooperation as well as with access to EU documents forwarded to national parliaments.

### In Focus

#### A new strategic agenda 2019 – 2024

At its meeting in Brussels on 20 June 2019, the European Council agreed on an agenda for the EU for the next five years. '[A new strategic agenda 2019-2024](#)' sets out the priority areas that will steer the work of the European Council and provide guidance for the work programmes of other EU institutions.

The strategic agenda focuses on four main priorities:

- protecting citizens and freedoms
- developing a strong and vibrant economic base
- building a climate-neutral, green, fair and social Europe
- promoting European interests and values on the global stage

It also sets out how to achieve those objectives.

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

#### Activities of the parliamentary committees

The Committee on European Affairs of the Croatian Parliament held one session on 22 August, at which the Committee discussed the Report on the Candidate of the Republic of Croatia for the European Commission, in the term of office from 2019 to 2024.

At the session, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia Andrej Plenković presented the Report on the Candidate of the Republic of Croatia for the European Commission, in the term of office from 2019 to 2024. The candidate for the Republic of Croatia, Dubravka Suica, attended the session of the Committee on European Affairs. Following discussions with Dubravka Suica, the Committee on European Affairs, in reaffirming its commitment to overseeing the activities of the Government of the Republic of Croatia in the institutions of the European Union and taking into account the previous experience of Dubravka Suica as a Member of the European Parliament elected in the Republic of Croatia, adopted an opinion endorsing the Report.



## 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 August 2019, EU institutions forwarded to the Croatian Parliament [12 documents](#): 5 draft laws, 7 communications and other non-binding documents.

## Interparliamentary Cooperation in the European Union

Interparliamentary 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.

### Interparliamentary activities in September 2019

**4 – 6 September** – Helsinki - Inter-parliamentary Conference for the CFSP/CSDP

**23 – 24 September** – Helsinki - Inter-parliamentary Conference on Asylum and Immigration Issues

**23 – 24 September** – Bruxelles - 5th meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group (JPSG) on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol)

**30 September – 1 October** – Helsinki The Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the EU

