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DOICIMÉID A FUARTHAS DE BHUN PRÓTACAIL MAIDIR LE RÓL NA
bPARLAIMINTÍ NÁISIÚNTA SAN AONTAS EORPACH**

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**TREATY ON EUROPEAN UNION:
DOCUMENTS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO PROTOCOL ON THE ROLE OF
NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

15 JANUARY – 21 JANUARY 2024

INTRODUCTION

With the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty and the recognition of the desire to encourage greater involvement of national Parliaments in the activities of the European Union and to enhance their ability to express their views on draft legislative acts of the European Union as well as on other matters which may be of particular interest to them, the Protocol on the enhanced Role of National Parliaments provides the following under Title I, Information for National Parliaments:

Article 1:

- Commission consultation documents (green and white papers and communications) shall be forwarded directly by the Commission to national Parliaments upon publication. The Commission shall also forward the annual legislative programme as well as any other instrument of legislative planning or policy to national Parliaments, at the same time as to the European Parliament and the Council;

Article 2:

- Draft legislative acts¹ sent to the European Parliament and to the Council, originating from the Commission, initiated by the European Parliament or a group of Member States, requested by the Court of Justice, recommended by the European Central Bank or requested by the European Investment Bank;

Article 5:

- The agendas for and the outcome of meetings of the Council, including the minutes of meetings where the Council is deliberating on draft legislative acts, shall be forwarded directly to national Parliaments, at the same time as to Member States' governments; and

Article 6:

- Initiatives of the European Council under *the simplified procedure for Treaty revisions in accordance with* the first or second subparagraphs of Article 48(7)² of the Treaty on European Union;

Article 7:

- The Court of Auditors shall forward its annual report to national Parliaments, for information, at the same time as to the European Parliament and to the Council.

While the Standing Orders of both Houses provide that EU documents referred to above automatically stand referred to the relevant Committee each member of the Houses can be considered to be entitled, as of right, to notice of the documents, given that the role is conferred on "National Parliaments" by the Treaty.

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¹ 'draft legislative acts' shall mean proposals from the Commission, initiatives from a group of Member States, initiatives from the European Parliament, requests from the Court of Justice, recommendations from the European Central Bank and requests from the European Investment Bank for the adoption of a legislative act.

² Article 48(7) states that if a national parliament makes known its opposition within six months of the date of notification its opposition to a European Council proposal to amend the Treaties under the simplified revision procedure, the decision will not be adopted.

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ARTICLE 1

1.1 Commission consultation documents (green and white papers, communications, reports and staff working documents)

Document Number	Document Title	Date Transmitted
COM(2024) 6	REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS European Structural and Investment Funds 2023 summary report of the annual programme implementation reports covering implementation in 2014-2020 {SWD(2024) 2 final}	15/01/2024
COM(2024) 7	REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL on the first review of the functioning of the adequacy decisions adopted pursuant to Article 25(6) of Directive 95/46/EC {SWD(2024) 3 final}	15/01/2024
COM(2024) 9	REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL on the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 70/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 January 2012 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road	16/01/2024
COM(2023) 630	COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS on Defence of Democracy	16/01/2024
COM(2024) 11	Recommendation for a COUNCIL DECISION to authorise the Commission to open negotiations for the amendment of the five agreements on the automatic exchange of financial account information to improve international tax compliance between the European Union and, respectively, the Swiss Confederation, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Principality of Andorra, the Principality of Monaco and the Republic of San Marino	17/01/2024
COM(2024) 10	Recommendation for a COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of the negotiations on behalf of the European Union for the conclusion of an Implementing Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau {SWD(2024) 5 final} - {SWD(2024) 6 final}	17/01/2024
COM(2024) 13	REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL Second report on the	18/01/2024

	state of play of preparations for the full implementation of the VIS Regulation in accordance with Article 11(3) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1134	
COM(2024) 16	REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL on the exercise of the power to adopt delegated acts conferred on the Commission pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/1012 on zootechnical and genealogical conditions for the breeding, trade in and entry into the Union of purebred breeding animals, hybrid breeding pigs and the germinal products thereof ('Animal Breeding Regulation')	19/01/2024
COM(2023) 640	REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2022 ON THE APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF SUBSIDIARITY AND PROPORTIONALITY AND ON RELATIONS WITH NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS	19/01/2024

1.2 Reasoned Opinions of National Parliaments on the application of the principles of Subsidiarity and Proportionality in draft non-legislative acts

Document Number	Document Title	Date Received

ARTICLE 2

2.1 Draft legislative acts and accompanying documents

(a) Draft legislative Acts received and accompanying documents

Proposal Number	Proposal Title	Date Transmitted
COM(2024) 8	Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION authorising Poland to apply reduced rates of excise duty to heavy fuel oil, natural gas, coal, and coke, used as heating fuels.	15/01/2024

(b) Letters received in relation to draft legislative acts confirming the date from which the eight-week period commences concerning the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality

Proposal Number	Proposal Title	Date of Letter
COM(2023)636	Letter in relation to Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations (EU) No 1024/2012 and (EU) 2018/1724 as regards certain requirements laid down by Directive (EU) XXXX/XXXX (Text with EEA relevance) {SWD(2023) 663-664 final} - {SEC(2023) 637 final}	17/01/2024
COM(2023)754	Letter in relation to Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on enhancing police cooperation in relation to the prevention, detection and investigation of migrant smuggling and trafficking in human beings, and on enhancing Europol's support to preventing and combating such crimes and amending Regulation (EU) 2016/794	17/01/2024
COM(2023)752	Letter in relation to Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on passenger rights in the context of multimodal journeys (Text with EEA relevance) {SEC(2023) 392 final} - {SWD(2023) 386 final} - {SWD(2023) 387 final} - {SWD(2023) 389 final}	18/01/2024
COM(2023)753	Letter in relation to Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulations (EC) No 261/2004, (EC) No 1107/2006, (EU) No 1177/2010, (EU) No 181/2011 and (EU) 2021/782 as regards enforcement of passenger rights in the Union (Text with EEA relevance) {SEC(2023) 392 final} - {SWD(2023) 389 final} - {SWD(2023) 386 final} - {SWD(2023) 387 final}	18/01/2024
COM(2023)905	Letter in relation to Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive (EU) 2015/2302 to make the protection of travellers more effective and to simplify and clarify certain aspects of the Directive (Text with EEA relevance) {SEC(2023) 540 final} - {SWD(2023) 905 final} - {SWD(2023) 906 final} - {SWD(2023) 907 final} - {SWD(2023) 908 final}	18/01/2024
COM(2023)930	Letter in relation to Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE amending Directive (EU) 2015/637 on the coordination and cooperation measures to facilitate consular protection for unrepresented citizens of the Union in third countries and Directive (EU) 2019/997 establishing an EU Emergency Travel Document {SEC(2023) 930 final} - {SWD(2023) 940 final} - {SWD(2023) 941 final} - {SWD(2023) 942 final}	18/01/2024
COM(2023)769	Letter in relation to Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the	19/01/2024

	welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability (Text with EEA relevance)	
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2.2 Documents received relevant to the ongoing negotiation of Draft legislative acts

(a) Communications published pursuant to Article 294 TFEU concerning the ordinary legislative procedure e.g., outcomes/positions adopted at **first reading**

Document Number	Document Title	Date Received
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(b) Reasoned Opinions of National Parliaments on the application of the principles of Subsidiarity and Proportionality in draft legislative acts

Document Number	Document Title	Date Received
ST 5566/24	Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE establishing a Head Office Tax system for micro, small and medium sized enterprises, and amending Directive 2011/16/EU- [COM(2023) 528 - Council ST 12951/23 - 2023/0320 (CNS)] - Reasoned opinion on the application of the Principles of Subsidiarity and Proportionality ¹ From: The Portuguese Parliament	18/01/2024

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The agendas for and the outcome of meetings of the Council		
	Agenda Title	
CM 1165/24	NOTICE OF MEETING AND PROVISIONAL AGENDA COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (General Affairs) Europa building, Brussels 29 January 2024 (09:30)	15/01/2024
ST 5168/24	PROVISIONAL AGENDA COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (Economic and Financial Affairs) Europa building, Brussels 16 January 2024 (10:00)	15/01/2024
ST 5201/24	PROVISIONAL AGENDA COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (Foreign Affairs) Europa building, Brussels 22 January 2024 (09:00)	19/01/2024
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ST 15848/23	DRAFT MINUTES COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (Agriculture and Fisheries) 20 November 2023	17/01/2024
ST 15885/23	DRAFT MINUTES COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (Foreign Affairs/Development) 21 November 2023	18/01/2024

ST 16221/23	DRAFT MINUTES COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (Foreign Affairs/Trade) 27 November 2023	18/01/2024
ST 16294/23	DRAFT MINUTES COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (General Affairs/Cohesion) 30 November 2023	18/01/2024

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ST 5508/24 ADD1	Annexes to the Annual Report 2022 on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality and on relations with national Parliaments From: Secretary-General of the European Commission	19/01/2024