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**STATE OF PLAY ON REASONED OPINIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS
SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS UNDER PROTOCOL 2
OF THE LISBON TREATY**

This note by the Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments provides an update of submissions received by the European Parliament in the context of Protocol 2 during the period 3 March 2016 - 5 April 2016.

Protocol 2 of the Lisbon Treaty sets out a review mechanism involving national Parliaments regarding proposed legislation which does not fall under the exclusive competence of the European Union. Thus, national Parliaments/Chambers may review within eight weeks of transmission such proposed legislation and issue a "reasoned opinion" if they consider that a draft EU legislative act does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity. Reasoned opinions are translated into all EU official languages (with the exception of Gaelic and Maltese). In the majority of cases, submissions from national Parliaments go beyond the issue of subsidiarity, discussing the substantive merits of proposals. These submissions are called "contributions". Contributions may be translated into one other language on special request by the Committee Chair or the Rapporteur¹.

Pursuant to Rule 42(3) of the Rules of Procedure, all reasoned opinions are referred to the Committee(s) responsible for the draft legislative act and forwarded for information to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Contributions are referred to the Committee(s) responsible for the draft legislative act (Rule 142(4) of the Rules of Procedure).

The Directorate for Relations with National Parliaments advises the political bodies, Members and the secretariat of the EP in their institutional cooperation and legislative dialogue with the national Parliaments. Within this Directorate, the Legislative Dialogue Unit provides Members of the European Parliament, in particular Rapporteurs, with specific expertise on national Parliaments submissions throughout the legislative cycle.

**All national Parliament documents officially received by the EP are
available in the "Connect" database on the EP intranet:
<http://www.connect.ep.parl.union.eu>**

¹ 'Common approach for the treatment at Committee level of national Parliaments reasoned opinions and all other contributions of national Parliaments' adopted by the Conference of Committee Chairs on 14.12.2010.

I. DRAFT LEGISLATIVE ACTS ELICITING NUMEROUS REASONED OPINIONS AND/OR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS (3 MARCH 2016 - 5 APRIL 2016)²

ECON Committee Rapporteur: Esther DE LANGE	Procedure: 2015/0270(COD)	COM(2015)586	Deadline: 16 February 2016
Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 806/2014 in order to establish a European Deposit Insurance Scheme 4 contributions: German Bundestag, German Bundesrat, Portuguese Parliament and Romanian Senate			

ECON Committee Rapporteur: Dariusz ROSATI	Procedure: 2016/0010(CNS)	COM(2016)025	Deadline: 30 March 2016
Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 2011/16/EU as regards mandatory automatic exchange of information in the field of taxation 1 reasoned opinion: Swedish Parliament 2 contributions: Czech Senate and Portuguese Parliament			

ECON Committee Rapporteur: Hugues BAYET	Procedure: 2016/0011(CNS)	COM(2016)026	Deadline: 30 March 2016
Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE laying down rules against tax avoidance practices that directly affect the functioning of the internal market 2 reasoned opinions: Maltese Parliament, Swedish Parliament 2 contributions: German Bundesrat and Portuguese Parliament			

ENVI Committee Rapporteur: Simona BONAFÈ	Procedure: 2015/0274(COD)	COM(2015)594	Deadline: 2 February 2016
Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste 1 reasoned opinion: French Senate (together with COM(2015)593, COM(2015)595 and COM(2015)596) 4 contributions: Czech Senate (together with COM(2015)593, COM(2015)595 and COM(2015)596), Polish Senate (together with COM(2015)595 and COM(2015)596), Romanian Chamber of Deputies and Romanian Senate (together with COM(2015)593, COM(2015)595 and COM(2015)596)			

ENVI Committee Rapporteur: Simona BONAFÈ	Procedure: 2015/0276(COD)	COM(2015)596	Deadline: 2 February 2016
Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste 1 reasoned opinion: French Senate (together with COM(2015)593, COM(2015)594 and COM(2015)595) 4 contributions: Czech Senate (together with COM(2015)593, COM(2015)594 and COM(2015)595), Polish Senate (together with COM(2015)594 and COM(2015)595), Romanian Chamber of Deputies and Romanian Senate (together with COM(2015)593, COM(2015)594 and COM(2015)595)			

IMCO Committee Rapporteur:	Procedure: 2015/0287(COD)	COM(2015)634	Deadline: 8 March 2016
Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on certain aspects concerning contracts for the supply of digital content 1 reasoned opinion: French Senate (together with COM(2015)635). 6 contributions: Austrian Bundesrat (together with COM(2015)635), Dutch Eerste Kamer (together with COM(2015)633 and COM(2015)635), Italian Senate (together with COM(2015)635), Luxembourg Parliament (together with COM(2015)635), Portuguese Parliament (together with COM(2015)635) and Romanian Senate (together with COM(2015)635)			

² In this section, reference is made to draft legislative acts for which at least *one reasoned opinion* has been transmitted during the current period under examination, or *four contributions* during the current and previous periods under examination.

IMCO Committee Rapporteur:	Procedure: 2015/0288(COD)	COM(2015)635	Deadline: 8 March 2016
Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on certain aspects concerning contracts for the online and other distance sales of goods 1 reasoned opinion: French Senate (together with COM(2015)634) 7 contributions: Austrian Bundesrat (together with COM(2015)634), Dutch Eerste Kamer (together with COM(2015)633 and COM(2015)634), Irish Parliament, Italian Senate (together with COM(2015)634), Luxembourg Parliament (together with COM(2015)634), Portuguese Parliament (together with COM(2015)634) and Romanian Senate (together with COM(2015)634)			

ITRE Committee Rapporteur: Jerzy BUZEK	Procedure: 2016/0030(COD)	COM(2016)052	Deadline: 27 April 2016
PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL concerning measures to safeguard the security of gas supply and repealing Regulation (EU) No 994/2010 1 reasoned opinion: Austrian Bundesrat			

ITRE Committee Rapporteur: Zdzisław KRASNODEBSKI	Procedure: 2016/0031(COD)	COM(2016)053	Deadline: 20 April 2016
Proposal for a DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on establishing an information exchange mechanism with regard to intergovernmental agreements and non-binding instruments between Member States and third countries in the field of energy and repealing Decision No 994/2012/EU 1 reasoned opinion: Austrian Bundesrat			

LIBE Committee Rapporteur: Monica MACOVEI	Procedure: 2015/0307(COD)	COM(2015)670	Deadline: 15 March 2016
Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation No 562/2006 (EC) as regards the reinforcement of checks against relevant databases at external borders 4 contributions: Czech Chamber of Deputies, Czech Senate, Italian Senate and Portuguese Parliament			

LIBE Committee Rapporteur: Artis PABRIKS	Procedure: 2015/0310(COD)	COM(2015)671	Deadline: 15 March 2016
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Border and Coast Guard and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2007/2004, Regulation (EC) No 863/2007 and Decision 2005/267/EC 8 contributions: Czech Chamber of Deputies, Czech Senate, Dutch Tweede Kamer, Italian Senate, Polish Senate, Portuguese Parliament, Romanian Chamber of Deputies and Romanian Senate			

TRAN Committee Rapporteur: Marian-Jean MARINESCU	Procedure: 2015/0277(COD)	COM(2015)613	Deadline: 2 March 2016
Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Union Aviation Safety Agency, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council 2 reasoned opinions: Italian Senate and Maltese Parliament 2 contributions: German Bundesrat and Romanian Chamber of Deputies			

II. DRAFT LEGISLATIVE ACTS SUBJECT TO PROTOCOL 2 ON THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR DEBATE OF THE APRIL PLENARY PART-SESSION (11 - 14 April 2016)³

AGRI Committee Rapporteur: Michel DANTIN	Procedure: 2014/0032(COD)	(COM(2014)0005	Deadline: 09/04/2014
Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the zootechnical and genealogical conditions for trade in and imports into the Union of breeding animals and their germinal products 1 reasoned opinion: Italian Senate 1 contribution: Austrian Bundesrat			

ECON Committee Rapporteur: Cora VAN NIEUWENHUIZEN	Procedure: 2013/0314(COD)	COM(2013)0641	Deadline: 09/04/2014
Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts 1 reasoned opinion: UK House of Commons			

ECON Committee Rapporteur: Peter SIMON	Procedure: 2015/0296(CNS)	COM(2015)0646	Deadline: 09/02/2016
Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE amending Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax, with regard to the duration of the obligation to respect a minimum standard rate 1 contribution: Portuguese Parliament			

JURI Committee Rapporteur: Constance LE GRIP	Procedure: 2013/0402(COD)	COM(2013)0813	Deadline: 30/01/2014
Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the protection of undisclosed know-how and business information (trade secrets) against their unlawful acquisition, use and disclosure 3 contributions: French National Assembly, Spanish Cortes and Portuguese Parliament			

"Joint debate - Railway package"

TRAN Committee Rapporteur: Roberts ZILE	Procedure: 2013/0014(COD)	COM(2013)0027	Deadline: 03/04/2013
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Union Agency for Railways and repealing Regulation (EC) No 881/2004 3 reasoned opinions: Lithuanian Parliament, Romanian Senate and Swedish Parliament 6 contributions: Czech Senate, Italian Chamber of Deputies, Italian Senate (x2), Portuguese Parliament and Spanish Cortes			

TRAN Committee Rapporteur: Izaskun BILBAO BARANDICA	Procedure: 2013/0015(COD)	COM(2013)0030	Deadline: 03/07/2013
Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the interoperability of the rail system within the European Union (Recast) 2 reasoned opinions: Lithuanian Parliament and Swedish Parliament 7 contributions: Czech Senate, Italian Chamber of Deputies, Italian Senate (x2), Polish Sejm, Portuguese Parliament and Spanish Cortes			

³ Information contained in this section is provisional and subject to change following decisions by the Conference of Presidents or the Plenary. Information is presented in alphabetical order on the basis of the acronym of the committees concerned. The number of reasoned opinions and contributions mentioned refers to the total number of these submissions received to-date.

TRAN Committee Rapporteur: Michael CRAMER	Procedure: 2013/0016(COD)	COM(2013)0031	Deadline: 03/04/2013
Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on railway safety (Recast) 3 reasoned opinions: Lithuanian Parliament, Romanian Senate and Swedish Riksdagen 7 contributions: Czech Senate, Italian Chamber of Deputies, Italian Senate (x2), Polish Sejm, Portuguese Parliament and Spanish Cortes			

III. FACTS & FIGURES

A. Since the previous State of Play note (2 March 2016)

Since the previous update on the State of Play, the European Parliament has received:

- **9 draft legislative acts** in the context of Protocol 2,
- **9 reasoned opinions** on different draft legislative acts
- **51 contributions** by national Parliaments on different draft legislative acts.

B. For the 8th legislative term (2014-2019)

Since the beginning of the 8th legislative term regarding Protocol 2, the European Parliament has received **79 draft legislative acts**, **32 reasoned opinions** and **289 contributions**.

Nr of proposals and national Parliament submissions by EP Committee - 8th legislature													
EP Committee responsible		Nr of proposals			Nr of reasoned opinions			Nr of contributions			Nr of submissions		
	AGRI		4			0			8			8	
	CONT		2			0			5			5	
	ECON		14			4			45			49	
	EMPL		3			1			15			16	
	ENVI		13			11			65			76	
	IMCO		9			7			36			43	
	INTA		2			0			1			1	
	ITRE		6			1			6			7	
	JURI		4			2			13			15	
	LIBE		14			6			72			78	
	REGI		4			0			4			4	
	TRAN		4			0			21			21	
TOTAL			79			32			289			321	

C. Since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty (1 December 2009)

Since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty a total of **550 draft legislative acts** have been **sent to national Parliaments** for examination under the terms of Protocol No 2 of the Treaty of Lisbon. 546 of those draft legislative acts are Commission proposals, while the remaining 4 are Council initiatives.

In response, the European Parliament has received a total of **2056 submissions** from national Parliaments. Of these, **319 reasoned opinions** while the remaining **1737 are contributions**.



DRAFT LEGISLATIVE ACTS FROM THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELICITING REASONED OPINIONS AND/OR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS (3 MARCH 2016 - 5 APRIL 2016)

On 11 November 2015, the European Parliament adopted a Proposal for a Council decision adopting the provisions amending the Act concerning the election of the members of the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage (2015/0907(APP)), and subsequently transmitted it to the national Parliaments of the EU Member States. To date, fourteen national Parliaments or Parliamentary Chambers have reacted to the European Parliament proposal (the Czech Chamber of Deputies, the Dutch Senate, the Dutch House of Representatives, the Finnish Parliament, the French Senate, the Irish Parliament, the Lithuanian Seimas, the Luxembourg Chamber of Deputies, the Polish Sejm and the Polish Senate, the Romanian Chamber of Deputies, the Swedish Riksdagen, the UK House of Commons and the UK House of Lords).