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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 6 - 29 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 (6 - 29 APRIL 2016)²

EMPL Committee Rapporteur: MORIN-CHARTIER Elisabeth & JONGERIUS Agnes	Procedure: 2016/0070(COD)	COM(2016)128	Deadline: 10 May 2016
<p>Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 96/71/EC of The European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 1996 concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services</p> <p>3 reasoned opinions: Czech Senate, Polish Sejm and Romanian Chamber of Deputies</p> <p>1 contribution: Polish Senate</p>			

IMCO Committee & JURI Committee Rapporteur: GEBHARDT Evelyne & VOSS Axel	Procedure: 2015/0287(COD)	COM(2015)634	Deadline: 8 March 2016
<p>Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on certain aspects concerning contracts for the supply of digital content</p> <p>1 reasoned opinion: French Senate (together with COM(2015)635).</p> <p>8 contributions: Austrian Bundesrat (together with COM(2015)635), Czech Senate (together with COM(2015)635), Dutch Eerste Kamer (together with COM(2015)633 and COM(2015)635), German Bundesrat (together with 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)</p>			

IMCO Committee Rapporteur: ARIMONT Pascal	Procedure: 2015/0288(COD)	COM(2015)635	Deadline: 8 March 2016
<p>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</p> <p>1 reasoned opinion: French Senate (together with COM(2015)634)</p> <p>9 contributions: Austrian Bundesrat (together with COM(2015)634), Czech Senate (together with COM(2015)634), Dutch Eerste Kamer (together with COM(2015)633 and COM(2015)634), German Bundesrat (together with 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)</p>			

ITRE Committee Rapporteur: BUZEK Jerzy	Procedure: 2016/0030(COD)	COM(2016)052	Deadline: 27 April 2016
<p>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</p> <p>1 reasoned opinion: Austrian Bundesrat (together with COM(2016)053)</p> <p>5 contributions: Czech Chamber of Deputies (together with COM(2016)053, COM(2016)049 and COM(2016)051), German Bundesrat, Portuguese Parliament, Romanian Senate and Spanish Cortes (together with COM(2016)007, COM(2016)053, COM(2016)067)</p>			

ITRE Committee Rapporteur: KRASNOŁĘBSKI Zdzisław	Procedure: 2016/0031(COD)	COM(2016)053	Deadline: 20 April 2016
<p>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</p> <p>4 reasoned opinions: Austrian Bundesrat (together with COM(2016)052), French Senate, Maltese Parliament and Portuguese Parliament</p>			

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.

3 contributions: Czech Chamber of Deputies (together with COM(2016)052, COM(2016)049 and COM(2016)051), Italian Senate and Spanish Cortes (together with COM(2016)007, COM(2016)052, COM(2016)067)

LIBE Committee Rapporteur: HOHLMEIER Monika	Procedure: 2015/0281(COD)	COM(2015)625	Deadline: 17 February 2016
Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on combating terrorism and replacing Council Framework Decision 2002/475/JHA on combating terrorism 6 contributions: Austrian Bundesrat, Cypriot Parliament, Czech Senate, Italian Senate, Portuguese Parliament and Romanian Senate			

LIBE Committee Rapporteur: KIRKHOPE Timothy	Procedure: 2016/0002(COD)	COM(2016)007	Deadline: 12 April 2016
Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Council Framework Decision 2009/315/JHA, as regards the exchange of information on third country nationals and as regards the European Criminal Records Information System (ECRIS), and replacing Council Decision 2009/316/JHA 4 contributions: German Bundesrat, Portuguese Parliament, Romanian Senate and Spanish Cortes (together with COM(2016)052, COM(2016)053, COM(2016)067)			

II. DRAFT LEGISLATIVE ACTS SUBJECT TO PROTOCOL 2 ON THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR DEBATE OF THE MAY PLENARY PART-SESSION (9 - 12 MAY 2016)³

ECON Committee Rapporteur: ROSATI Dariusz	Procedure: 2016/0002(COD)	(COM(2016)0025	Deadline: 12/04/2016
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: GIEGOLD Sven	Procedure: 2014/0194(COD)	COM(2014)0379	Deadline: 06/10/2014
Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 on Community statistics concerning balance of payments, international trade in services and foreign direct investment as regards conferring of delegated and implementing powers upon the Commission for the adoption of certain measures 1 contribution: Spanish Cortes			

JURI Committee Rapporteur: DELVAUX Mady	Procedure: 2013/0119(COD)	COM(2013)0228	Deadline: 25/06/2013
Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on promoting the free movement of citizens and businesses by simplifying the acceptance of certain public documents in the European Union and amending Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 1 reasoned opinion: Romanian Senate 6 contributions: Czech Senate, German Bundesrat, Italian Senate, Portuguese Parliament, Romanian Chamber of Deputies and Spanish Cortes			

LIBE Committee Rapporteur: WIKSTRÖM Cecilia	Procedure: 2013/0081(COD)	COM(2013)0151	Deadline: 31/05/2013
Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purposes of research, studies, pupil exchange, remunerated and unremunerated training, voluntary service and au pairing 1 reasoned opinion: Hellenic Parliament			

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.

4 contributions: Czech Senate, Italian Senate, Portuguese Parliament and Spanish Cortes

LIBE Committee Rapporteur: DÍAZ DE MERA GARCÍA CONSUEGRA Agustín	Procedure: 2013/0091(COD)	COM(2013)0173	Deadline: 25/06/2013
Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation and Training (Europol) and repealing Decisions 2009/371/JHA and 2005/681/JHA 3 reasoned opinions: Belgian Chamber of Deputies, German Bundesrat and Spanish Cortes 8 contributions: Cypriot Parliament, Czech Senate, Dutch Eerste Kamer, Italian Senate, Italian Chamber of Deputies, Lithuanian Parliament, Portuguese Parliament and Romanian Chamber of Deputies			

III. FACTS & FIGURES

A. Since the previous State of Play note (6 April 2016)

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

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

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

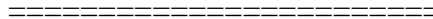
Since the beginning of the 8th legislative term regarding Protocol 2, the European Parliament has received **82 draft legislative acts**, **40 reasoned opinions** and **318 contributions**.

Nr of proposals and NPs' submissions according to the Committee (8th legislature)													
EP Committee responsible		Nr of proposals			Nr of reasoned opinions			Nr of contributions			Nr of submissions		
	AGRI		5			0			8			8	
	CONT		2			0			5			5	
	ECON		15			4			50			54	
	EMPL		3			4			16			20	
	ENVI		13			11			66			77	
	IMCO		9			6			42			48	
	INTA		2			0			3			3	
	ITRE		6			5			13			18	
	JURI		5			2			13			15	
	LIBE		14			6			76			82	
	REGI		4			0			4			4	
	TRAN		4			2			22			24	
TOTAL			82			40			318			358	

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 **552 draft legislative acts** have been **sent to national Parliaments** for examination under the terms of Protocol No 2 of the Treaty of Lisbon. 548 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 **2092 submissions** from national Parliaments. Of these, **327 reasoned opinions** while the remaining **1765 are contributions**.



**DRAFT LEGISLATIVE ACTS FROM THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
ELICITING REASONED OPINIONS AND/OR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM
NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS (6 - 29 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, sixteen national Parliaments or Parliamentary Chambers have reacted to the European Parliament proposal (the Czech Chamber of Deputies, the Czech Senate, the Dutch Senate, the Dutch House of Representatives, the Finnish Parliament, the French National Assembly, 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).