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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 22 April 2015 - 12 May 2015.

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 (22 APRIL 2015 - 12 MAY 2015)²

ECON Committee Rapporteur: FERNANDES José Manuel	Procedure: 2015/0009(COD)	COM(2015)010	Deadline: 17 March 2015
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Fund for Strategic Investments and amending Regulations (EU) No 1291/2013 and (EU) No 1316/2013. 10 contributions: Czech Senate, German <i>Bundesrat</i> , Portuguese Parliament, Romanian Senate, Spanish <i>Cortes</i> , Romanian Chamber of Deputies, Austrian <i>Bundesrat</i> , Italian Chamber, Slovak Parliament and Italian Senate.			
EMPL Committee Rapporteur: MORIN-CHARTIER Elisabeth	Procedure: 2015/0026(COD)	COM(2015)046	Deadline: 7 April 2015
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on the European Social Fund, as regards an increase of the initial pre-financing amount paid to operational programmes supported by the Youth Employment Initiative. 6 contributions: Spanish <i>Cortes</i> , Italian Senate, Romanian Senate, Romanian Chamber of Deputies, Portuguese Parliament and Italian Chamber.			

II. DRAFT LEGISLATIVE ACTS SUBJECT TO PROTOCOL 2 ON THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR DEBATE OF THE APRIL PLENARY PART-SESSION (18 - 21 Mai 2015)³

No items on this section. The agenda of the present part-session does not foresee any debate and vote on draft legislative acts to which submissions by national Parliaments were transmitted under the terms of Protocol 2.

III. FACTS & FIGURES

A. Since the previous State of Play note (21 April 2015)

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

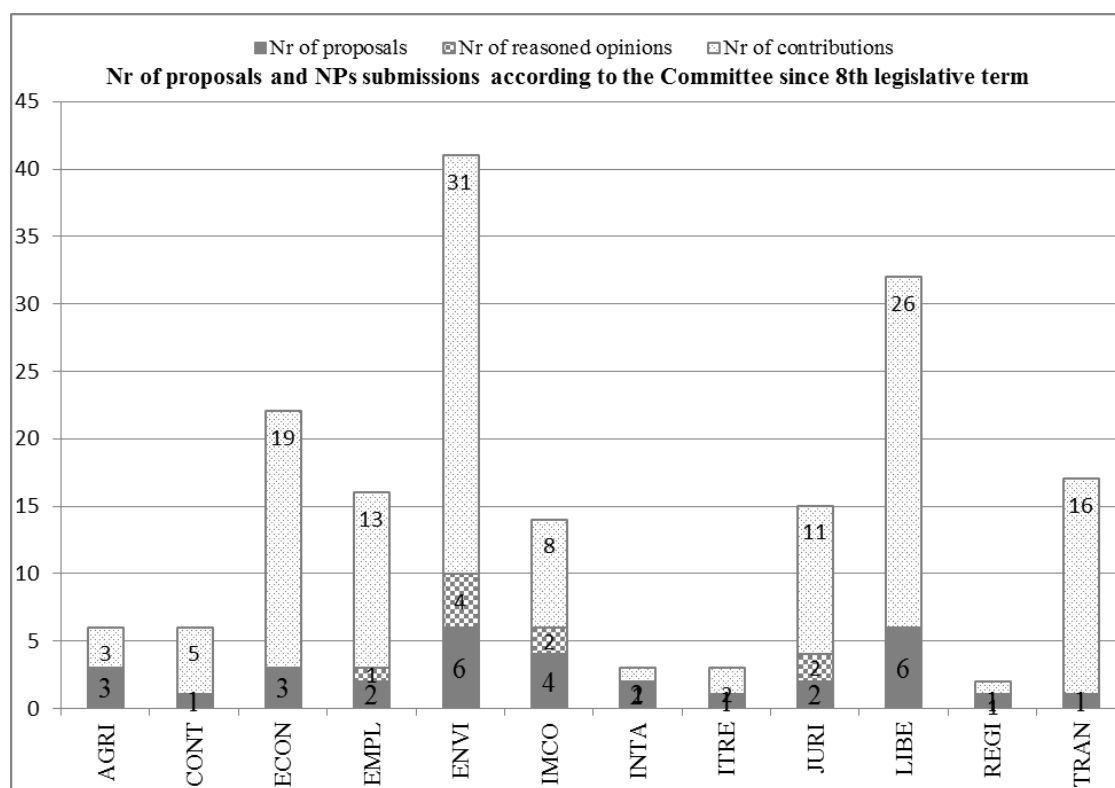
- **2 draft legislative acts** in the context of Protocol 2;
- **4 contributions** by national Parliaments on different draft legislative acts.

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 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.

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

Since the beginning of the 8th legislative term regarding Protocol 2, the European Parliament has received **34 draft legislative acts**, **9 reasoned opinions** and **137 contributions**.



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 **503 draft legislative acts** have been **sent to national Parliaments** for examination under the terms of Protocol No 2 of the Treaty of Lisbon. 499 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 **1951 submissions** from national Parliaments. Of these, **298 are reasoned opinions** while the remaining **1653 are contributions**.



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