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**27 IÚIL – 2 LÚNASA 2020**

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**TREATY ON EUROPEAN UNION:**

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

**27 JULY – 2 AUGUST 2020**

## 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 acts<sup>1</sup> 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)<sup>2</sup> 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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<sup>1</sup> ‘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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 No.	Document Title	Date Transmitted
SWD(2020)120	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EU Capital Markets Recovery Package</b></p> <p>COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT <i>Accompanying the documents</i></p> <p>Proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2014/65/EU as regards information requirements, product governance and position limits to help the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as regards the EU Recovery prospectus and targeted adjustments for financial intermediaries to help the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the creation of a specific framework for simple, transparent and standardised synthetic securitisation, limited to balance-sheet synthetic securitisation</p> <p>Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 laying down a general framework for securitisation and creating a specific framework for simple, transparent and standardised securitisation to help the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 as regards adjustments to the securitisation framework to support the economic recovery in response to the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>{COM(2020) 280 final} - {COM(2020) 281 final} - {COM(2020) 282 final} - {COM(2020) 283 final} - {COM(2020) 284 final}</p>	27/07/2020

<b>COM(2020)284</b>	REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL on the creation of a specific framework for simple, transparent and standardised synthetic securitisation, limited to balance-sheet synthetic securitisation (Text with EEA relevance) {SWD(2020) 120 final}	27/07/2020
<b>COM(2020)606</b>	COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS EU Agenda and Action Plan on Drugs 2021-2025 (with Annexes)	27/07/2020
<b>COM(2020)605</b>	COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS on the EU Security Union Strategy	27/07/2020
<b>SWD(2020)143</b>	COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT <i>Accompanying the document</i> Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 as regards the exemption of certain third country foreign exchange benchmarks and the designation of replacement benchmarks for certain benchmarks in cessation {COM(2020) 337 final} - {SEC(2020) 284 final} - {SWD(2020) 142 final}	27/07/2020
<b>SWD(2020)142</b>	COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT <i>Accompanying the document</i> Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 as regards the exemption of certain third country foreign exchange benchmarks and the designation of replacement benchmarks for certain benchmarks in cessation {COM(2020) 337 final} - {SEC(2020) 284 final} - {SWD(2020) 143 final}	27/07/2020
<b>COM(2020)356</b>	COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT pursuant to Article 294(6) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union concerning the position of the Council on the adoption of a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European crowdfunding service providers for business and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 and Directive (EU) 2019/1937 and a Directive amending Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments  This Communication refers to both COM(2018) 113 final - 2018/0048(COD) and COM(2018) 99 final - 2018/0047(COD)	<b>29/07/2020</b>

<b>COM(2020)343</b>	REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL on the review of Regulation (EU) 2019/125 of 16 January 2019 concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment	<b>30/07/2020</b>
<b>COM(2020)342</b>	REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL pursuant to Article 14(3) of Regulation (EU) 2019/880 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the introduction and the import of cultural goods	<b>30/07/2020</b>
<b>COM(2020)346</b>	REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL AND THE COURT OF AUDITORS on the management of the Guarantee Fund of the European Fund for Sustainable Development	<b>31/07/2020</b>
<b>COM(2020)350</b>	REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION Monitoring the application of European Union law 2019 Annual Report {SWD(2020) 147 final}	<b>31/07/2020</b>

## 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
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## ARTICLE 2

### 2.1 Draft legislative acts and accompanying documents

*(a) Draft legislative Acts received and accompanying documents*

Proposal Number	Proposal Title	Date Transmitted
<b>COM(2020)280</b>	Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2014/65/EU as regards information requirements, product governance and position limits to help the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic Text with EEA relevance {SWD(2020)120 final}	<b>27/07/2020</b>
<b>COM(2020)281</b>	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as regards the EU Recovery prospectus and targeted adjustments for financial intermediaries to help the recovery from the COVID- 19 pandemic (Text with EEA relevance) {SWD(2020) 120 final}	<b>27/07/2020</b>

<b>COM(2020)282</b>	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 laying down a general framework for securitisation and creating a specific framework for simple, transparent and standardised securitisation to help the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic (Text with EEA relevance) {SWD(2020) 120 final}	<b>27/07/2020</b>
<b>COM(2020)283</b>	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 as regards adjustments to the securitisation framework to support the economic recovery in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (Text with EEA relevance) {SWD(2020) 120 final}	<b>27/07/2020</b>
<b>COM(2020)337</b>	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 as regards the exemption of certain third country foreign exchange benchmarks and the designation of replacement benchmarks for certain benchmarks in cessation (Text with EEA relevance) {SEC(2020) 284 final} - {SWD(2020) 142 final} - {SWD(2020) 143 final}	<b>27/07/2020</b>
<b>COM(2020)622</b>	Proposal for a DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL empowering France to negotiate an agreement supplementing its existing bilateral Treaty with the United Kingdom concerning the construction and operation by private concessionaires of a Channel Fixed Link	<b>27/07/2020</b>
<b>COM(2020)623</b>	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive (EU) 2016/798, as regards the application of railway safety and interoperability rules within the Channel Fixed Link	<b>27/07/2020</b>
<b>COM(2020)300</b>	DRAFT Union's annual budget for the financial year 2021 - General Introduction - General statement of expenditure - General statement of revenue - Statement of revenue and expenditure by section	<b>28/07/2020</b>
<b>COM(2020)341</b>	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Honduras on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union	<b>29/07/2020</b>
<b>COM(2020)340</b>	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Honduras on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber products to the European Union	<b>29/07/2020</b>
<b>COM(2020)344</b>	Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in Union and non-Union waters	<b>30/07/2020</b>

(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(2020)332	Letter in relation to Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION authorising France to apply a reduced rate of certain indirect taxes on 'traditional' rum produced in Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique and Réunion	27/07/2020
COM(2020)623	Letter in relation to Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive (EU) 2016/798, as regards the application of railway safety and interoperability rules within the Channel Fixed Link	28/07/2020
COM(2020)314	Letter in relation to Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE amending Directive 2011/16/EU on administrative cooperation in the field of taxation {SEC(2020) 271 final} - {SWD(2020) 129 final} - {SWD(2020) 130 final} - {SWD(2020) 131 final}	29/07/2020

## 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

(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
COM(2020) 445	Amended proposal for a Council Decision on the system of Own Resources of the European Union [doc. 8140/20 + COR 1 - COM(2020) 445 final] - Opinion on the application of the Principles of Subsidiarity and Proportionality {Spanish Parliament}	27/07/2020
COM(2020) 445	Amended proposal for a Council Decision on the system of Own Resources of the European Union [doc. 8140/20 + COR 1 - COM(2020) 445 final] - Opinion on the application of the Principles of Subsidiarity and Proportionality {Portuguese Parliament}	27/07/2020



<b>COM(2020) 219</b>	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION amending Council Decision (EU) 2016/915 as regards the reference period intended to be used for measuring growth of CO2 emissions, to take account of the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in the context of CORSIA [doc. 8122/20 - <b>COM(2020) 219</b> final] – Opinion on the application of the Principles of Subsidiarity and Proportionality {Portuguese Parliament}	<b>27/07/2020</b>
<b>COM(2020) 234</b>	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the financial contributions to be paid by Member States to finance the European Development Fund, including the second instalment for 2020 [8833/20 - <b>COM(2020) 234</b> final] - Opinion on the application of the Principles of Subsidiarity and Proportionality {Portuguese Parliament}	<b>28/07/2020</b>
<b>COM(2020) 453</b>	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the public sector loan facility under the Just Transition Mechanism [8412/20 - <b>COM(2020) 453</b> final] - Opinion on the application of the Principles of Subsidiarity and Proportionality {Spanish Parliament}	<b>28/07/2020</b>
<b>COM(2020) 408</b>	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility [8403/20 - <b>COM(2020) 408</b> final] - Opinion on the application of the Principles of Subsidiarity and Proportionality {Spanish Parliament}	<b>28/07/2020</b>

## **ARTICLE 5**

<b>The agendas for and the outcome of meetings of the Council</b>		
	<b>Agenda Title</b>	
	<b>Outcome Title</b>	
<b>ST 9811/20</b>	<b>OUTCOME OF THE COUNCIL MEETING 3766th Council meeting Agriculture and Fisheries</b> Brussels, 20 July 2020 President Julia Klöckner Federal Minister for Food and Agriculture of Germany	31/07/2020

## **Other Documents Received**

<b>Documents received regarding amendments to the Treaties pursuant to Art 48(2) of the Treaty on European Union</b>		
<b>Document Number</b>	<b>Document Title</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
<b>N/A</b>	Notification of roadmaps published by the European Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital economy and society</li> <li>• Business and Industry</li> <li>• Culture and media</li> <li>• Communication</li> </ul>	<b>29/07/2020</b>

<b>N/A</b>	Notification of roadmaps published by the European Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institutional affairs</li> <li>• Consumers</li> <li>• Justice and Fundamental Rights</li> </ul>	<b>31/07/2020</b>
<b>ST 9985/20</b>	From: General Secretariat of the Council To: National Parliaments Subject: Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Hungary on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of management of the external borders	<b>29/07/2020</b>
<b>ST 9988/20</b>	From: General Secretariat of the Council To: National Parliaments Subject: Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Hungary on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the common visa policy	<b>29/07/2020</b>
<b>ST 9991/20</b>	From: General Secretariat of the Council To: National Parliaments Subject: Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of the Republic of Poland on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of police cooperation	<b>30/07/2020</b>
<b>ST 9992/20</b>	From: General Secretariat of the Council To: National Parliaments Subject: Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Poland on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of return	<b>30/07/2020</b>
<b>ST 9996/20</b>	From: General Secretariat of the Council To: National Parliaments Subject: Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Slovenia on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of the management of the external borders	<b>30/07/2020</b>
<b>ST 9995/20</b>	From: General Secretariat of the Council To: National Parliaments Subject: Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Slovenia on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of Schengen Information System	<b>30/07/2020</b>
<b>ST 9994/20</b>	From: General Secretariat of the Council To: National Parliaments Subject: Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2019 evaluation of Slovenia on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of return	<b>30/07/2020</b>