

Calendar (and results) of events in EU Parliaments

This table is not exhaustive, but merely reflects information reported to the Presidency by the EU parliaments.

Member State and Parliamentary Chamber	Date	Type of Debate/Meeting
European Parliament	November 15 (Resolution adopted on December 15)	<p>Debate in the Plenary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the debate. • European Parliament resolution on the Commission legislative and work programme for 2006
Finland - Eduskunta	November 16, 2005	<p>The Grand Committee will organise a hearing and debate on 16 November. This session will exceptionally be open to all members of the Eduskunta. The LWP will be introduced by the Head of the local Commission Representation. His presentation will be followed by comments by the Under-Secretary of State for EU matters.</p> <p>The plenary is set to debate, on 29 November, a Government Statement on the future of the European Union. The statement will have three main components: (1) the constitutional treaty; (2) the broader future of Europe issue and (3) enlargement. The Speaker has indicated that, during the debate, he will also allow speeches on the "near future", i.e. the LWP and the Council work programme for 2006.</p> <p>Summary of the debate.</p>
Sweden - Riksdagen	November 24, 2005	<p>EU debate in plenary (background doc is Commissions LWP 2006, but any issue related to the EU can be debated)</p> <p>Committees (Foreign Affairs and Constitutional Affairs in cooperation) are arranging seminars for researchers in Gotheburg (21 nov) and Lund (12 december)</p> <p>Summary of the debate.</p>
Denmark - Folketinget	December 2, 2005	<p>Public Hearing hosted by the Speaker of the Danish Parliament. Attending the debate will be members of the European Affairs Committee, members of Standing Committees of the Danish Parliament, Danish MEPs, The Danish Foreign Minister, and Commissioner Kroes.</p> <p>Summary of the debate.</p>
UK - House of Lords	Starting on December 5, 2005	<p>The Committee has considered an explanatory memorandum from the UK government and briefing papers from its secretariat. The Committee has also invited written comments on the LWP from outside organisations (e.g. employers/business groups, trade unions and law societies). The Committee held a meeting in Brussels on 5 December 2005 with Commission officials responsible for coordinating the work programme. The Committee will publish a transcript of this evidence session, along with other evidence it receives on the LWP, as part of its Annual Report 2005, due to be published at the end of February 2006.</p>
Germany - Bundesrat	December 1, 2005	<p>Debate in the Committee on Questions of the European Union. It is foreseen that the Vice-President of the European Commission Ms. Margot Wallström will participate.</p>
The Netherlands -	December 5 - 6,	The Second Chamber of the Netherlands parliament has planned

The First and second Chamber	2005	<p>a debate on the Commissions work program on December 5th. It will be in a Committee meeting (Committee for European Affairs) but with the status of a plenary debate. It is not possible to put it on the agenda of the plenary itself because of the budget debates have to be finalised. There may be a hearing as a preparation.</p> <p>The First Chamber has planned a general debate on the "State of the European Union" on December 6th, and one of the elements on the agenda will probably be also the work program of the Commission. The Senate has also invited organisations to send in comments regarding the work program.</p> <p>There will be an effort to combine the debate of the First and Second Chamber but that depends on the - limited - possibilities in the combined agenda's.</p>
Hungary - National Assembly	December 6, 2005	<p>The Committee on EU Affairs will hold a meeting which will be extended not only to MPs of other committees and the officials but also to civil organisations. So it won't be the plenary but an open meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>The chair of the committee will inform the plenary on the debate.</p> <p>Read a Summary of the debate</p>
Senate of the Czech Parliament	December 7, 2005	<p>Members of the Committee on EU Affairs in Czech Senate discussed the LWP 2006 in depth on the 7 December 2005 and adopted three different resolutions:</p> <p>A) a general resolution in which the Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. welcomes the Better Regulation initiative by the Commission 2. considers an extensive impact assessment of new adopted legislative proposals to be a precondition for an effective regulation 3. calls on the government to focus on the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • safeguarding the effectiveness of the internal market • boosting economic growth and strengthening competitiveness • endorsement of science and research interlinked with the needs of the private sector • modification of financing of the Common Agriculture Policy • strengthening cooperation of member states in the security policy and sorting out of questions related to the involvement into the Schengen system • coordination of debates on the impact of demographic development, especially regulation of migration flows <p>(This resolution is to be voted on in plenary in January 2006)</p> <p>B) the list of legislative and non legislative proposals, which are of special interest to the EU Affairs Committee. Therefore, the Committee would like to see the government draw a special attention to them - Annex 1</p> <p>C) the list of legislative proposals which are in the opinion of the</p>

		EU Affairs Committee best suited for the subsidiarity check in the COSAC framework (this list has been also sent to the Austrian Presidency) - Annex 2
Lithuanian Parliament	December 8, 2005	<p>On 16 November LWP was briefly discussed at the EU Affairs Committee meeting.</p> <p>By 6 December Specialised Committees are to present their conclusions to the EU Affairs Committee and Foreign Affairs Committee.</p> <p>On 8 December there will be a plenary debate on LWPC, followed by adoption of a decision.</p> <p>Key points of the draft agenda of the plenary debate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory speech - the President of the Seimas • Presentation on LWPC - Commissioner Viviane Reding • Government's opinion - the Prime Minister • Opinion of Opposition parliamentary groups - the Leader of the Seimas Opposition • Conclusions of Sectoral Committees • Individual members' speeches • Adoption of a decision
Slovene National Assembly	December 13, 2005	<p>The Commission's Annual Legislative and Work Programme will be debated on the 13th of December at the joint committee meeting between the Committee on EU Affairs and the Committee on Foreign Policy. The head of the EC representation office in Slovenia will present the LWP. At the joint committee meeting the decision, whether to have the debate in the plenary or not, will be taken. If it is agreed that the plenary will debate the LWP as well, there is a slight probability that the debate will take place in the December plenary (December 19 and 20), but more likely in the January 2006 plenary (January 30 - February 2).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the debate • Letter of Mr Cukjati, the president of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia to the Speaker of the Danish Parliament, Mr Christian Mejdahl
Romanian Chamber of Deputies	December 14, 2005	<p>Debate with the participation of members of the Standing Committee of the Chamber of Deputies, members of the Foreign Affairs Committee and members of the Joint Committee on European Integration. Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of European Integration were also present.</p> <p>Letter to the Speaker of the Danish Parliament, Mr. Christian Mejdahl about the outcome of the debate.</p>
Parliament of Latvia - Saeima	December 16, 2005	The debate on the Commission's legislative and work programme for 2006 will take place during the meeting of the European Affairs committee on December 16, 2005. The meeting will be open to the experts from the other specialized committees of the Saeima.
The Republic of Poland	The Sejm on 16 December - the Senate on December 22,	On the 22nd December 2005, the Senate of the Republic of Poland, at its plenary session, held a debate concerning the Commission's Legislative and Work Programme for 2006.

	2005	<p>Summary of the Debate in the Senate</p> <p>On 16 December the <u>Sejm</u> held a debate which provided an opportunity to familiarise the new deputies with UE matters, the operation of the European Union Affairs Committee – the Sejm's competent body specialised in Community affairs and the subsidiary principle as one of the foundations of the functioning of the Union. The rapporteur was Mr Karol Karski, Chairman of the European Union Affairs Committee, who explained that all the legislative proposals listed in the annex would be examined by the Committee alongside with the drafts in the course of EU legislative decision-making.</p> <p>Summary of the debate in the Sejm</p>
Grand National Assembly of Turkey	January 17, 2006	<p>Grand National Assembly of Turkey held an EU debate in general and EU Commission's Legislative and Work Programme 2006 in plenary on January 17, 2006. Around 200 Members of Parliament out of 550 were present during the debate.</p> <p>Summary of the debate</p>
The Hellenic Parliament, Greece	January 20, 2006	<p>The Hellenic Parliament has decided to debate the Annual Legislative and Working Program of the European Commission, on Friday, 20th January.</p> <p>The debate will take place at the level of the Committee on European Affairs.</p> <p>The debate will be animated by the report of four Rapporteurs from the four parliamentary parties, represented in the Parliament: the "New Democracy" (governing party), the socialist "PASOK" party (main opposition), the " Communist Party of Greece" and the " Coalition of Radical Left".</p> <p>This practice has long been established within this Committee for major debates or documents. Another practice of the Committee is to invite all greek eurodeputies to contribute to the dialogue, without vote.</p> <p>Summary of the debate</p>
National Council of the Slovak Republic	January 20, 2006 & January 31, 2006	<p>The National Council of the Slovak Republic will discuss the European Commission 2006 Legislative and Work Programme as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 January 2006 in the European Affairs Committee as the tutor committee. The document will be as well put on the agenda of the other sectoral committees for their information. • The document is put on the agenda of the plenary sitting which starts on the 31 January 2006 <p>Commissioner Jan Figel has confirmed his participation to the Committee Meeting.</p>
Italian Senate	January 25 - 26 2006	<p>The 14th Committee on European policies of the Italian senate started consideration of the Commission's Legislative and work programme last 13 december. The debate was very brief (it went on in the sitting of 25th January and ended on 26th January). The LWP was considered jointly with the Operational programme of the Council for 2006. At the end of the debate the Committee unanimously voted a resolution.</p> <p>RESOLUTION OF THE 14th STANDING COMMITTEE</p>

National Council of the Republic of Slovenia	End of January 2006	The International Relations and European Affairs Commission of the National Council of the Republic of Slovenia will organize a debate of the Commissioner's Legislative Work Programme at the next session at the end of January. Besides members of the Commission the Head of the European Commission Delegation in Slovenia will participate in the debate. Documentary basis of the debate will be the legislative and work programme of the Commission.
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