

**Scrutiny of documents coming from the European Union and monitoring compliance with the principle of subsidiarity
Chamber of Deputies, Luxembourg**

Date	Responsible body or unit	Description of the procedure
Day 1	Transmission to the Chamber of Deputies by the Commission or Council	"Direct transmission" of the European legislative proposal by the Commission or the Council, pursuant to Article 4 of Protocol No. 2 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU)
On a weekly basis	<p>"Cellule européenne" (European unit) of the Department for international relations</p> <p>Committee of Foreign and European Affairs</p> <p>Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies</p>	<p>All the documents provided by the European Commission are reviewed - not only draft legislation but also reports, communications, white papers, green papers, and so on. The various documents are sorted first by their importance to the Grand Duchy. The issues that pertain to the national interest are classified as "B" documents and if they do not require control because Luxembourg is not directly concerned, the documents are classified as "A" documents.</p> <p>The classification of EU files in A- and B-documents, as well as the summaries are transmitted to the Committee of Foreign and European Affairs.</p> <p>After a further scrutiny of all these documents with regard to their importance for Luxembourg by the political groups, the draft EU legislation is then submitted on a weekly basis to the various relevant committees by the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies upon recommendation by</p>

	“Cellule européenne”	<p>the Committee of Foreign and European Affairs. If an issue relates to the sphere of competence of several Committees, the document in question is sent to all the concerned Committees.</p> <p>The latest A- and B document list is sent to the five Luxembourgish professional chambers each week, as well as to the Council for Economic and Social Affairs, which has a consultative role with the Government, and the umbrella organization of the Luxembourgish enterprises.</p>
Within 8 weeks (for legislative papers) / no scrutiny time limitation for non-legislative documents	<p>Sectoral committees</p> <p>Plenary session</p>	<p>The competent sectoral Committee reviews the European document at hand. Generally, a rapporteur is nominated. When a reasoned/political opinion is drafted, it must be adopted by a majority of its members.</p> <p>The draft reasoned/political opinion is adopted by a simple majority during a plenary session in the form of a resolution. If no plenary session is scheduled within the eight week time limit, the decision to send a reasoned opinion to the EU institutions can be made by a majority vote at the Conference of Presidents. The political sensitivities, which do not usually take part in the Conference of Presidents, are in this case invited to join and the Chamber of Deputies is informed of the decision at the next plenary.</p>