

Scrutiny of documents coming from the European Union and monitoring compliance with the principle of subsidiarity		
Date	Responsible body or unit	Description of the procedure
Arrival of document from Institutions.	Grand Committee secretariat	Rough sorting: Documents likely to be subject of subsidiarity check are filed as pending, the others are filed as “no action”.
“Day 1”: Arrival of notification from Institutions (existence of all language versions) + next days	Grand Committee Secretariat + sector committee secretariats, Åland regional parliament staff.	Proposals are registered at the Grand Committee and the relevant sector committee + transmitted to the Åland Islands regional parliament. Arrival of the proposals is announced in the committees, and members advised that the proposals can be perused electronically via parliament’s data management system (link to Eur-Lex). Members are further advised that any proposal that the Grand Committee examines the proposal in terms of the subsidiarity procedure must reach the GC within 6 weeks of “Day 1”.
Six week period from “Day 1”	Grand Committee, Sector committee or Åland regional parliament.	Any member of the sector committee or of the Åland parliament’s Autonomy committee may propose that the committee asks the Grand Committee to examine the proposal in terms of the subsidiarity procedure. Members of the Grand Committee can make the same proposal in a GC meeting. If the proposal is carried, it is forwarded to the Grand Committee.
Within eight weeks of “Day 1”	Grand Committee	<i>Proposal from sector committee or Grand Committee member:</i> GC makes a formal decision, whether or not to carry out

		<p>an examination. GC either institutes examination or minutes its reasons for not doing so.</p> <p><i>Proposal from Åland regional parliament:</i> GC institutes investigation.</p>
Within eight weeks of “Day 1”	Grand Committee	<p><i>If GC has instituted examination:</i> GC invites opinion of government and hears whatever experts it deems fit.</p> <p>GC approves a report to the plenary. If a breach of the subsidiarity principle is found, the report includes the draft text of the Eduskunta’s reasoned opinion. If no breach of the subsidiarity principle is found, the report makes note of this.</p>
Within eight weeks of “Day 1”	Plenary	<p>The GC report is debated in a single plenary session. Members may propose amendments to the findings of the GC or to the wording of any reasoned opinion. Any amendments are voted on. The plenary adopts the report and any reasoned opinion.</p>
Within eight weeks of “Day 1”	Grand Committee secretariat	<p>The decision of the plenary and the report of the Grand Committee (in Finnish and Swedish) are communicated to the Institutions. An English language summary is appended.</p>