

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
Day 1	The Commission or the Council transmit proposals for European legislation to the Danish Folketing. Received in the Folketing by the European Affairs Committee.	In accordance with TEUF Protocol 2, Art. 4 the Commission or the Council forward draft legislative acts to national Parliaments.
3-4 weeks after the proposal has been forwarded by the EU-institutions.	The Secretariat of the European Affairs Committee The Danish Government	On the basis of the Commission's annual legislative programme, 5-10 proposals are pre-selected to serve as the basis for the Folketing's monitoring with the principle of subsidiarity (not excluding other proposals from subsidiarity checks at a later stage). Explanatory memorandum on draft legislative proposals, green and white papers etc. are submitted by the government to the relevant sectorial committees of the Danish Parliament and the European Affairs Committee. The explanatory memorandum must be received by the Parliamentary committees four weeks after they have been forwarded by the EU-institutions. The time limit is three weeks, if it is one of the 5-10 proposals pre-submitted for a subsidiarity check. The explanatory memorandum contains the government's independent, preliminary assessment of the legislative proposals compliance with the principle of the subsidiarity.
As soon as possible and no later than 3 weeks after the legislative proposal is available in a Danish version.	The European Affairs Committee	The European Affairs Committee makes an early assessment whether a proposal should be referred to a sectorial committee for subsidiarity check.
No later than 5 weeks after the legislative proposal is available in Danish.	The relevant sectorial committees	The sectorial committee examines the legislative proposal. If a breach of the principle of subsidiarity is found, the committee submits an opinion to the European Affairs Committee.

	The Secretariat of the European Affairs Committee	The opinion of the sectorial committee is uploaded on IPEX and COSAC is informed.
No later than 8 week after the legislative proposal is available in Danish.	<p>The European Affairs Committee</p> <p>The Chairman of the European Affairs Committee</p> <p>The Secretariat of the European Affairs Committee</p>	<p>The European Affairs Committee examines the legislative proposal on the basis of the opinion from the sectorial committee or on other grounds.</p> <p>If there is inconsistency in the opinion between the European Affairs Committee and the sectorial committee a joint meeting is called to solve any disagreement.</p> <p>The reasoned opinion is signed by the chairman of the European Affairs Committee and then forwarded to the government, the Commission, the Council, the European-Parliament.</p> <p>The reasoned opinion is furthermore uploaded on IPEX and forwarded to the rest of the national Parliaments.</p>