

Parliament confirms the list and size of its committees and delegations

On Wednesday, MEPs approved the proposal on the number of members in Parliament's 20 committees and four sub-committees, as well as its 48 standing delegations.

Following a plenary vote on the proposal by Parliament's Conference of Presidents by a show of hands, the number of members in each of [Parliament's committees and subcommittees](#) for the first half of the 10th legislative term is shown below.

AFET	Foreign Affairs	79	
DEVE	Development	25	-1
INTA	International Trade	43	
BUDG	Budgets	40	-1
CONT	Budgetary Control	30	
ECON	Economic and Monetary Affairs	60	-1
EMPL	Employment and Social Affairs	60	+5
ENVI	Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	90	+2
ITRE	Industry, Research and Energy	90	+12
IMCO	Internal Market and Consumer Protection	52	+7
TRAN	Transport and Tourism	46	-3
REGI	Regional Development	41	-2
AGRI	Agriculture and Rural Development	49	+1
PECH	Fisheries	27	-1
CULT	Culture and Education	30	-1
JURI	Legal Affairs	25	
LIBE	Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	75	+6
AFCO	Constitutional Affairs	30	+2
FEMM	Women's Rights and Gender Equality	40	+3
PETI	Petitions	35	
DROI	Human Rights (Subcommittee)	30	
SEDE	Security and Defence (Subcommittee)	30	
FISC	Tax Matters (Subcommittee)	30	
SANT	Public Health (Subcommittee)	30	

Information on the number and size of Parliament's [interparliamentary delegations](#) for the same time period will be available soon [here](#). The relevant proposal was also adopted by a show of hands.

Rules on the composition of committees and interparliamentary delegations

According to Parliament's Rules of Procedure, the composition of its committees (including subcommittees) should as far as possible reflect the composition of Parliament as a whole - see Rules [216](#) and [218](#).

Rule [229](#) states that the composition of the delegations also must ensure as far as possible that member states, political views, and gender are fairly represented, while no delegation may have more than one third of its MEPs coming from the same country.

The political groups and non-attached Members decide internally who is appointed to each committee and subcommittee, as well as to the delegations.

Next steps

The names of the MEPs to be appointed to each committee will be announced on Friday. The composition of the delegations will be confirmed during the 16-19 September plenary session in Strasbourg. It will then be up to the committees and delegations to elect their respective Chairs and Vice-Chairs during their constitutive meetings. Parliament's committees are set to meet on 23 July 2024.

Background

Each committee's responsibilities are set out in Annex VI of the Rules of Procedure. During the previous legislative period, Parliament approved structural reforms for a [more modern and efficient Parliament](#), changing the way committees and delegations handle their respective duties.

Committees meet in public (unless the rules dictate otherwise). Their work revolves around drawing up, amending, and voting on legislative proposals and own-initiative reports, as well as holding debates with Council and Commission representatives, hearings with external experts, and organising fact-finding missions. They will play a crucial role in the [upcoming hearings of Commissioners-designate](#). Parliament can set up sub-committees and special temporary committees to deal with specific issues, and may also create committees of inquiry to investigate allegations of maladministration of EU law. The [Conference of Committee Chairs](#) coordinates their work.

Delegations are tasked with maintaining and developing Parliament's international contacts, and contributing to enhancing the role and visibility of the EU in the world. They work with parliaments of states that are EU partners while also helping to promote the values enshrined in the [EU Charter of Fundamental Rights](#) in third countries.

Further information

[Texts adopted \(17.07.2024\)](#)
[Procedure file \(committees\)](#)

[Procedure file \(delegations\)](#)

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