

Dates	Responsible body	Description
Day 1	Working Group – Scrutiny of European initiatives European Affairs Committee (EAC)	The Working Group flags some initiatives for scrutiny or information to the competent parliamentary committees (CPCs). Without prejudice, the CPCs can decide to scrutinize other initiatives they consider relevant. The EAC ratifies the decision of the Working Group and sends the European initiatives (legislative or non legislative) to the competent parliamentary committee (if the subject is shared in terms of competence by more than one parliamentary committee, the initiative will be sent to the relevant ones), for information or report. If the two Legislative Assemblies of the Autonomous Regions are competent in the subject, EAC asks for their opinions.
Between week 4 to 6	Competent parliamentary committee (CPC) Legislative Assemblies of the Autonomous Regions (LAAR)	Whether it is a EU draft legislative act (Protocol 2 of the Treaty of Lisbon) or a non legislative draft act (EC’s political dialogue), the CPC decides if it will analyse the initiative or not. If it decides to do so, the CPC nominates a <i>Rapporteur</i> , who draws a report. The report, in both cases, is forwarded to the EAC If one or both of the LAAR consider the initiative as relevant and decides to scrutinize it, each of them will nominate a <i>Rapporteur</i> , who issues an opinion. The opinion is then forwarded to the EAC.
Between week 6 to 8	European Affairs Committee (EAC)	EAC nominates a Member of Parliament to draw the opinion, which should take into consideration the CPC reports and LAAR opinions. The EAC’s opinion is then discussed at the committee level. »If the EAC adopts a reasoned opinion sustaining the non compliance of the draft legislative act with the principle of subsidiarity, the opinion is sent to the Plenary for consideration. or If the draft legislative act falls within the sphere of the Parliament’s exclusive legislative competence, the written opinion is sent to the Plenary for consideration. »In any other cases, a written opinion is sent to the President of the European Parliament, the President of the Council of the European Union and the President of the European Commission, as well as to the Portuguese Government.
	Plenary of the Portuguese Parliament	The reasoned opinion or the written opinion shall be placed on the next agenda of the Plenary (simple majority will be enough for approval).
Before deadline	European Affairs Committee (EAC)	The EAC sends the AR opinion [written opinion/reasoned opinion + CPC reports + (if applicable) LAAR opinion] to the President of the European Parliament, the President of the Council of the European Union and the President of the European Commission, as well as to the Portuguese Government. Publication of the AR opinion on the IPEX. The procedure is then concluded.