

Scrutiny of documents coming from the European Union and compliance with the principle of subsidiarity Belgian Senate		
Date	Responsibility	Description
Day 1	Secretariat of the Senate delegation to the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs	Reception of a European legislative proposal and transmission to the Senate's Legal Department for an advice on the competence of the Senate.
Before day 10	Legal Department	Redaction of the advice on the Senate's competence and transmission to the secretariat of the Advisory Committee.
	Secretariat of the Senate delegation to the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs	<p>If the advice on the Senate's competence states that the Senate is not concerned, the secretariat of the Advisory Committee sends it to the Chair of the Advisory Committee, who consults, if the need arises, the Bureau of the Senate.</p> <p>If the advice on the Senate's competence states that the Senate is concerned, the secretariat of the Advisory Committee sends the advice and the proposal to the Chair(s) of the concerned committee(s) and to the Chair of the Advisory Committee.</p>
Before day 14	Secretariat of the Senate delegation to the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs	If the Senate considers itself to be concerned, the IPEX-Correspondent communicates this to the Belgian parliaments through the IPEX-site.
Before day 42	Chair and secretariat of the concerned committee(s) and of the Advisory Committee	<p>Scrutiny of the European proposal in the concerned committee(s) and/or the Advisory Committee: if the members of the concerned committee(s) do not have any remarks on the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality of the proposal or if it is not treated, the Senate is supposed not to have any subsidiarity concern. In this case, the procedure comes to an end.</p> <p>If a subsidiarity issue arises, the concerned committee(s) gives its opinion and drafts a report about its proceedings in line with article 27 of the Senate's Rules of Procedure.</p>
Before day 49	Presidency and Department of the Plenary Session	Scrutiny of the advice on subsidiarity ("reasoned opinion") by the Senate's plenary session: the plenary session states about the conclusions of the

		report of the concerned committee(s) and/or the advisory Committee.
Day 49	Presidency and Department of the Plenary Session	Communication of the reasoned opinion: if the need arises, the advice of the Senate is communicated to the other Belgian parliaments and to the secretariat of the Conference of the Presidents of the 9 parliamentary bodies.
Day 56	Secretariat of the Conference of the Presidents of the 9 parliamentary bodies	Communication of the advice on subsidiarity: reasoned opinions of the Belgian parliamentary bodies are transmitted to the EU institutions, the concerned Belgian federal, community and regional parliaments, in accordance with the cooperation agreement between the Belgian parliamentary bodies, currently under negotiation.
	Secretariat of the Senate delegation to the Federal Advisory Committee on European Affairs	Publication of the reasoned opinion on the IPEX-site by the IPEX-correspondent.