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Composition of Parliament's new committees released

The names of the members of the two upgraded committees and two new special committees were announced by the European Parliament on Thursday.

The lists of MEPs assigned by the political groups and non-attached members of the European Parliament is now available on Parliament's [plenary homepage](#). They will also be available on the [websites of the respective committees](#).

MEPs [voted on 18 December 2024](#) to upgrade Parliament's [subcommittees](#) on Security and Defence (SEDE) and on Public Health (SANT) into fully-fledged committees and to set up two new [special committees](#): one on the so-called "Democracy Shield" initiative included in the [Commission's 2024-2029 political guidelines](#) (EUDS), and another to deal with the EU's current [housing crisis](#) (HOUS).

Next steps

The SEDE and SANT constitutive meetings are scheduled for Monday 27 and Wednesday 29 January, respectively. The EUDS and HOUS special committees will hold their constitutive meetings either on Thursday, 30 January, or Monday 3 February, at which point their 12-month term will start.

During these first meetings, each committee will elect its leadership bureau (Chair and Vice-Chairs) in line with Parliament's [rules of procedure](#).

Background

The changes to Parliament's committee architecture were [proposed by President Metsola and the leaders of Parliament's political groups](#) to address Europe's current challenges as well as Parliament's own priorities, taking into account citizen concerns and the results of the European elections:

- Standing committees [on Security and Defence](#) and [on Public Health](#), each comprising 43 members
- Special committee on the [European Democracy Shield](#), comprising 33 members
- Special committee on the [Housing Crisis in the European Union](#), comprising 33 members

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Further information

[Foreign interference: how Parliament is fighting the threat to EU democracy](#)

[EP Research Service - Briefing: Information integrity online and the European democracy shield \(10.12.2024\)](#)

[EP Research Service - At A Glance: Ensuring sustainable, decent and affordable housing in Europe \(01.10.2024\)](#)

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