Basic information

2026/2034(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Awaiting committee decision
Strategic political relations with Australia – potential for deeper ties in the face of a volatile international order **Subject** 6.10.01 Foreign and common diplomatic policy 6.10.08 Fundamental freedoms, human rights, democracy in general 6.10.09 Human rights situation in the world **Geographical area** Australia	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
AFET Foreign Affairs	ZOVKO Željana (EPP)	28/01/2026
	Shadow rapporteur CREMER Tobias (S&D) ANDRIESE Mieke (PfE) BIELAN Adam (ECR) PAET Urmas (Renew) WAITZ Thomas (Greens /EFA) SJÖSTEDT Jonas (The Left) STOYANOV Stanislav (ESN)	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
30/04/2026	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

Forecasts

14/12/2026	Indicative plenary sitting date

Technical information

Procedure reference	2026/2034(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 55
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting committee decision
Committee dossier	AFET/10/05633

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE789.129	19/06/2026	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE792.149	16/09/2026	

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency

Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
CREMER Tobias	Shadow rapporteur	AFET	15/10/2026	Australia Institute
CREMER Tobias	Shadow rapporteur	AFET	12/10/2026	Lowy Institute
ANDRIESE Mieke	Shadow rapporteur	AFET	16/09/2026	Australia's Ambassador to the EU
CREMER Tobias	Shadow rapporteur	AFET	15/09/2026	Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
SJÖSTEDT Jonas	Shadow rapporteur	AFET	15/09/2026	Australian Mission to the EU
ZOVKO Željana	Rapporteur	AFET	23/06/2026	EUROPEAN AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS COUNCIL
CREMER Tobias	Shadow rapporteur	AFET	22/06/2026	Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung