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EUROPEAN DEBATES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEJM

On **19 July 2018** - the Sejm held the debate on the current information, presented by the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Konrad Szymański, concerning the EC proposal for regulation laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027 together with draft implementing regulations and their consequences for Poland ([verbatim record/PL](#) point 20).

DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In **July and August 2018** the **EU Affairs Committee (SUE)** held 13 meetings: no. 216-228. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 169 EU documents:
 - pursuant to Art. 7(4) of the Cooperation Act – 66 EU draft legislative acts concerning i.a., establishing the European Defence Fund (COM(2018) 476), financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy (COM(2018) 393), establishing of the Reform Support Programme (COM(2018) 391),
 - pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act – 26 EC documents (8 communications, 15 reports, 1 joint communication, 1 joint report and 1 opinion) concerning i.a., state of play of the common fisheries policy and consultation on the fishing opportunities for 2019 (COM(2018) 452), the EU Enlargement Policy (COM(2018) 450), convergence report 2018 (COM(2018) 370),
 - pursuant to Art. 11(1) of the Cooperation Act – EU documents, which were to be discussed by Economic and Financial Affairs Council, Agriculture and Fisheries Council,
 - pursuant to Art. 8(2) of the Cooperation Act – 72 EU draft legal acts concerning i.a., dedicated financial programme for decommissioning of nuclear facilities and management of radioactive waste (COM(2018) 467), promoting automatic mutual recognition of higher education and upper secondary education diplomas and the outcomes of learning periods abroad (COM(2018) 270), mobilisation of the EU Solidarity Fund to provide for the payment of advances in the general budget of the Union for 2019 (COM(2018) 281),
- scrutinized information on: the European Council meeting held on 28-29 June 2018 and information on the Foreign Affairs Council meeting held on 25 June 2018 (presented by Secretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Konrad Szymański and Undersecretary of State in Ministry of National Defence) (mtg no. 216 and 224),
- examined and adopted positive opinion intended for the State Audit Committee on the activity report of the Supreme Audit Office for 2017 (paper no. 2726), in the scope of the SUE competence (mtg no. 224),
- considered the information for the Sejm and the Senate on the Republic of Poland's participation in the activities of the European Union in January-June 2018 (Bulgarian Presidency of the EU Council) (mtg no. 224),
- met with the Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria Emil Savov Yalnazov and heard information on the results of Bulgarian Presidency of the EU Council; met with the Ambassador of the Republic of Austria

Werner Almhöfer and heard information on the programme of the Austrian Presidency of the EU Council (mtg no. 226),

- supplemented the membership of the special subcommittee on the EU energy policy (mtg no. 228).

In **July and August 2018** information on and documents of SUE meetings no. 216-225 and 227-228, provided by the EU Affairs Committee secretariat, were published in the [EDL-S](#) (European Legislative Documents in the Sejm) and [IPEX](#) databases.

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW - UST DATABASE

In July and August 2018

- the following acts implementing EU law **have been published** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 5 July 2018 on the national cyber security system [\[2505\]](#),
 - Act of 5 July 2018 amending the act on combating unfair competition and some other acts [\[2549\]](#),
 - Act of 5 July 2018 amending the act on road transport and some other acts [\[2459\]](#),
 - Act of 5 July 2018 on tachographs [\[2458\]](#),
 - Act of 6 June 2018 amending the act on public finance [\[2449\]](#),
 - Act of 6 June 2018 amending the act on biocomponents and liquid biofuels and some other acts [\[2411\]](#),
 - Act of 7 June 2018 amending the act - Pharmaceutical Law and some other acts [\[2386\]](#),
 - Act of 15 June 2018 amending the act on conformity assessment and market surveillance systems and some other acts [\[2376\]](#).

SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

Subsidiarity scrutiny in July and August (Information from IPEX database as of 06.09.2018)			
Draft legislative act	Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny	Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion	Chamber / parliament (country)
COM(2018) 277	03.09.2018	15.08.2018 / -	Senat (Czech Republic)
		05.07.2018 / 06.07.2018	Bundestag (Germany)
		04.07.2018 / -	Oireachtas (Ireland)

In **July and August 2018**, 490 draft legislative acts were subject to subsidiarity scrutiny. As of 6 September 2018, the national parliaments submitted 3 reasoned opinions on the non-compliance of the scrutinised draft acts with the subsidiarity principle.

More information on reasoned opinions and proposals in – [Biuletyn OIDE on-line](#)

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

8-9 July 2018, Vienna, [Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC](#)

- Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Opening of the meeting of the COSAC Chairpersons
 - Welcome addresses
 - Introductory remarks
 - Adoption of the agenda

- Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters
 - Briefing of the results of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
 - Draft agenda of the LX COSAC
 - Outline of the 30th Bi-Annual Report of COSAC
 - Letters received by the Presidency
 - Others
- Session 1: Priorities of the Austrian Presidency of the EU Council
 - Debate
- Session 2: Future and perspectives of the European Union
 - Debate
- Chairpersons' closing remarks

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

NEW ON THE OIDE WEBSITE

Following sections have been updated:

OIDE Notes: [Brexit - documents](#); [CSDP - calendarium](#); [CSDP - institutional and legal architecture](#); [European Citizens' Initiative](#); [European Parliament on EU's future](#); [Rule of law compliance mechanisms in the European Union](#); [Task force on Subsidiarity and Proportionality and "Doing Less More Efficiently"](#)

Bibliographies: [Act on the cooperation of the Council of Ministers with the Sejm and the Senate in EU affairs \(2004 and 2010\)](#); [BREXIT – selected publications \(since 2016\)](#); [Debate on the future of the EU](#); [The national parliaments' position in the EU under the Lisbon Treaty](#)

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