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EU DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In October 2015 the EU Affairs Committee (SUE) held 2 meetings: no. 360 and 361. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 30 EU documents:
 - pursuant to Art. 7(4) of the Cooperation Act – 3 EU draft legislative acts concerning: amendments to Directive 2003/87/EC to enhance cost-effective emission reductions and low-carbon investments; establishment of an EU common list of safe countries of origin for the purposes of Directive 2013/32/EU on common procedures for granting and withdrawing international protection and establishing a crisis relocation mechanism and amendment to Regulation (EU) No 604/2013 establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third country national or a stateless person,
 - pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act – 7 European Commission documents (4 reports and 3 communications) concerning i.a. public procurement rules in connection with the current asylum crisis, market assessment on mains-voltage lamps or the operation of directive on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare,
 - pursuant to Art. 8(2) of the Cooperation Act – 20 EU draft legal acts concerning i.a. agreements between the EU and selected countries on the short-stay visa waiver, agreements between the EU and selected countries on the certain aspects of air services or the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Council for TRIPS and the General Council of the World Trade Organisation,
- adopted three opinions concerning draft EU acts (opinions no. [70](#), [71](#) and [72](#)); opinion no. 72 concerned non-compliance of the document COM(2015) 450 with the principle of subsidiarity and was transmitted together with opinion no. 71 (concerning the same document) to the presidents of EC, EP and Council,
- issued a positive opinion on the candidature of Maciej Berk for member of the European Court of Auditors ([opinion no. 69](#), mtg no. 360),
- considered draft and adopted report of the Subcommittee ad hoc on EU free trade agreements with third countries – TIPP, CETA, TISA (mtg no. 361),
- considered draft and adopted report of the EU Affairs Committee on the activities during the Sejm's 7th term of office (mtg no. 361).

In October 2015 information on and documents of SUE meetings no. 360 and 361, provided by the EU Affairs Committee secretariat, were published in the [EDL-S](#) (European Legislative Documents in the Sejm) and [IPEX](#) databases.

WORK IN COMMITTEES

Agriculture and Rural Development Committee

- **08.10.2015**, adopted the motions under the Art. 157 of Standing Orders of the Sejm to submit a query to the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD), i.a, concerning the information regarding the drastic reduction of subsidies for legumes from 239 EUR per hectare to 100 EUR per hectare; considered the information of the ARD Minister on the participation in the activities of the Agriculture and Fisheries Council in period 2011-2015; considered the information of the ARD Minister on financing of the agriculture and rural development in period 2011-2015 (mtg no. 289);
- **08.10.2015**, took note of the presentation by Dr. P. Wojciechowski from Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw entitled: „EU and national legislation on official controls of food" (mtg no. 290).

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW – UST DATABASE

In October 2015

- the following **acts** implementing EU law **have been adopted** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 9 October 2015 amending the act on payment periods in commercial transactions, the act – Civil Code and some other acts [\[3760\]](#),
 - Act of 9 October 2015 amending the act on personal income tax, act on corporate income tax and some other acts [\[3697\]](#),
 - Act of 9 October 2015 amending the act on providing information on the environment and environmental protection, public participation in environmental protection and on environmental impact assessment and some other acts [\[3677\]](#),
 - Act of 9 October 2015 on biocidal products [\[3670\]](#),
 - Act of 9 October 2015 amending the Act - Penal Code and some other acts [\[3659\]](#).
- the following **acts** implementing EU law **have been published** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 11 September 2015 amending the act on inland water shipping [\[3747\]](#),
 - Act of 11 September 2015 amending the act - Energy law and some other acts [\[3590\]](#),
 - Act of 11 September 2015 amending the act on copyright and related rights and the act on gambling [\[3449\]](#),
 - Act of 11 September 2015 amending the act on rail transport and the act on public transport [\[3427\]](#),
 - Act of 11 September 2015 on waste electrical and electronic equipment [\[3244\]](#),
 - Act of 10 September 2015 amending the act - Tax Ordinance and some other acts [\[3462\]](#),
 - Act of 10 September 2015 amending the act on protection of foreigners on the territory of the Republic of Poland and some other acts [\[3433\]](#),
 - Act of 5 August 2015 amending the act – Aviation law [\[3663\]](#),
 - Act of 5 August 2015 amending the act on maritime areas of the Republic of Poland and maritime administration and some other acts [\[3661\]](#),
 - Act of 5 August 2015 on maritime labour [\[3645\]](#),
 - Act of 5 August 2015 on the macro-prudential oversight of the financial system and crisis management in the financial system [\[3576\]](#),[\[3595\]](#).

SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

Subsidiarity scrutiny in October – reasoned opinions (Information from IPEX database as of 03.11.2015)			
Draft legislative act	Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny	Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion	Chamber / parliament (country)
COM(2015) 450*	09.11.2015	22.10.2015 / -	Senate (Czech Republic)
		14.10.2015 / 23.10.2015	Chamber of Deputies (Czech Republic)

In **October 2015**, 7 draft legislative acts were subject to subsidiarity scrutiny. As of 3 November 2015, the national parliaments submitted **2 reasoned opinions** on the non-compliance of the scrutinised draft acts with the subsidiarity principle.

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

* In September to the document COM(2015) 450 one reasoned opinion was submitted - see the previous [Biuletyn OIDE](#).

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

19 October 2015, Luxembourg, [Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Social Affairs](#)

- "Moving forward for the social Triple A": integrate the social dimension in all European Union policies
- Working groups (Common social values, Further socialisation of the European Semester)
- Plenary session: presentation of the working groups' conclusions and debate

13 October 2015, Brussels, [Inter-parliamentary committee meeting on "Unfulfilled Millennium Development Goals and the implementation of the newly-agreed Sustainable Development Goals"](#)

- Assessment of the level of accomplishment of the Millennium Development Goals
- Implementation of the newly-agreed Sustainable Development Goals

13 October 2015, Brussels, [Inter-parliamentary committee meeting on "Trans-European transport network \(TEN-T\) including cross-border links"](#)

- Implementation of TEN-T projects
- TEN-T funding

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

ON THE OIDE WEBSITE

In the section EU Documents in the Sejm

[Statistics about reasoned opinions and political dialogue](#)

In the section OIDE Notes

[Interinstitutional agreement on better regulation](#)

Following sections have been updated

Bibliographies: [The national parliaments' position in the EU under the Lisbon Treaty](#), [National parliaments in the EU - new publications](#)

LATEST DEBATES – COMMENTS

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