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EUROPEAN DEBATES IN THE SEJM

On **21 July 2016** the Sejm heard the information of the Prime Minister on the result of the United Kingdom referendum on membership of the European Union and held the debate ([verbatim record/PL](#) point 25).

EU DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In **July and August 2016** the EU Affairs Committee (SUE) held 6 meetings: no. 67-72. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 72 EU documents:
 - pursuant to Art. 7(4) of the Cooperation Act – 14 EU draft legislative acts concerning i.a. safety rules and standards for passenger ships, cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws or Union action for the European Capitals of Culture for the years 2020 to 2033,
 - pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act – 33 EC documents (18 communications, 14 reports and 1 joint communication) concerning i.a. final evaluation of the multi-annual EU programme on protecting children using the Internet and other communication technologies (Safer Internet), delivering the single market agenda for jobs, growth and investment or European standards for the 21st century,
 - pursuant to Art. 11(1) of the Cooperation Act – EU documents, which were to be discussed by Economic and Financial Affairs Council and Agriculture and Fisheries Council,
 - pursuant to Art. 8(2) of the Cooperation Act – 21 EU draft legal acts concerning i.a. the accession of selected countries to the 1980 Hague Convention, opening and providing for the management of autonomous Union tariff quotas for certain fishery products for the period 2016 to 2018 or the conclusion of the enhanced partnership and cooperation agreement between the EU and its Member States and the Republic of Kazakhstan,
- heard information on legal and political consequences of the result of referendum in Great Britain, presented by Witold Waszczykowski, Minister of Foreign Affairs (mtg no. 68),
- considered Government's information on the Republic of Poland's participation in the activities of the European Union in the period January-June 2016 during Dutch Presidency (paper no. 712, mtg no. 70),
- met with the *chargé d'affaires* of the Netherlands Adriaan Palm and heard information on the results of Dutch Presidency of the EU Council; met with the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic Dušan Krištofík and heard information on the programme of the Slovak Presidency of the EU Council (mtg no. 71).

In **July and August 2016** information on and documents of SUE meetings no. 67, 69, 70 and 72, 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

Petitions Committee

- **19.07.2016**, considered the draft of the desideratum on the Poland's complaints to the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) and the European Court of Justice (ECJ) for infringement of the rights of Polish families outside Poland; Committee adopted the desideratum addressed to the Prime Minister on the Poland's complaints to the ECHR (mtg no. 31).

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW – UST DATABASE

In July and August 2016

- the following **bills** implementing EU law **have been referred** to the first reading [paper no.]:
 - Government bill amending the act on safety of food and nutrition [786],
 - Government bill amending the act on payment services and some other acts [785],
 - Government bill on trust services and electronic identification [713].
- the following **acts** implementing EU law **have been published** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 22 July amending the act - Code of Civil Procedure, the act - Law on Notary and the act amending the act - Civil Code, the act - Code of Civil Procedure and some other acts [668],
 - Act of 19 July 2016 on access to genetic resources and benefit sharing from its use [644],
 - Act of 19 July 2016 amending the act on copyright and related rights [546],
 - Act of 22 June 2016 amending the act on - Customs Law and some other acts [513],
 - Act of 22 June 2016 amending the act on protection of health against the consequences of using tobacco and tobacco products [432],
 - Act of 10 June 2016 amending the act on registration and protection of names and designations of agricultural products and foodstuffs and on traditional products and some other acts [385],
 - Act of 22 June 2016 amending the act – Labour Code and some other acts [382],
 - Act of 22 June 2016 amending the act – Public procurement law and some other acts [366].

SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

Subsidiarity scrutiny in June (Information from IPEX database as of 05.09.2016)			
Draft legislative act	Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny	Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion	Chamber / parliament (country)
COM(2016) 289	26.07.2016	13.07.2016 / 15.07.2016	Federal Council (Austria)
COM(2016) 283	01.09.2016	13.07.2016 / 15.07.2016	Federal Council (Austria)
		27.07.2016	National Assembly (Bulgaria)
		01.09.2016	Chamber of Deputies (Czech Republic)
		22.06.2016	Riksdag (Sweden)
COM(2016) 378	22.09.2016	25.08.2016	Senate (Czech Republic)

In **July and August 2016**, 21 draft legislative acts were subject to subsidiarity scrutiny. As of 5 September 2016, the national parliaments submitted 6 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](#)

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

10-11 July 2016, Bratislava, Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC

- Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Opening of the meeting, introductory remarks, adoption of the agenda, procedural issues and miscellaneous matters
- Priorities of the Slovak EU Council Presidency
- Social dimension of EU and Cohesion Policy: triple A on social issues
- Closing remarks

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

NEW ON THE OIDE WEBSITE

In the section **OIDE Notes**

Cooperation in the Carpathian region. Initiative for a new EU macroregional strategy, European security and defence policy, Reform of the Common European Asylum System (CEAS), Clusters of interest – informal cooperation among national parliaments, Global Strategy for the EU's Foreign and Security Policy

Following sections have been updated

OIDE Notes: Rule of law compliance mechanisms in the European Union, "Green card" - state of the debate, European Semester - course of coordination cycle at the level of the Union and Poland (2011-2016)

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