EU DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In October 2013 the EU Affairs Committee (SUE) held 7 meetings: no. 191-197. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 56 EU documents,
- heard information on the proceedings on the final shape of the Partnership Agreement – directions of supporting Poland's development for 2014-2020, presented by Marcelli Niezgoda, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Regional Development and Zofia Szalczczyk, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (mtg no. 191),
- considered information on legislative work related to the implementation of EU directives for which the transposition deadline has expired or will expire within the next three months (as of 16.08.2013), presented by the representatives of appropriate ministries (mtg no. 192),
- examined and adopted positive opinion (opinion no. 46) for the Public Finance Committee on the draft budget act for 2014 within the scope of the Committee competence (mtg no. 193),
- considered a government bill amending some acts concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union (paper no. 1831, mtg no. 197).

In October 2013 information and documents on SUE meetings no. 192-196, provided by the EU Affairs Committee secretariat, were published in the ELD-S (European Legislative Documents in the Sejm) and IPEX databases.

WORK IN COMMITTEES

Justice and Human Rights Committee
- 08.10.2013, established a special subcommittee in order to consider the Deputies' bill amending the act on implementation of certain EU regulations on equal treatment and other acts (paper no. 1051) (mtg no. 130);

State Audit Committee
- 09.10.2013, considered the information of the Supreme Audit Office on the results of audit of accomplishment of Council Recommendation of 12 July 2011 on the National Reform Programme 2011 of Poland and on the updated Convergence Programme 2011-2014 (mtg no. 85);

Innovation and New Technologies Committee
- 10.10.2013, considered the information of the Minister of Economy on the national strategic framework for smart specialisation under new financial perspective 2014-2020 (mtg no. 93);

Agriculture and Rural Development Committee
- 09.10.2013, considered the information of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) on Poland's involvement in activities of the Agriculture and Fisheries Council in September 2013 (mtg no. 144);
• 22.10.2013, took note of the information of the ARD Minister on the final version of the Partnership Agreement, the document of the Council of Ministers on strategy for using European Funds 2014-2020, including especially rural areas (mtg no. 147);

• 23.10.2013, considered the information of the ARD Minister on the legislative package on CAP 2014-2020 and the information of the ARD Minister on new plant health system in the EU (mtg no. 149).

**IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW – UST DATABASE**

In October 2013

- the following **bills** implementing EU law **have been referred** to the first reading [paper no.]:
  - Government bill amending some acts concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union [1831],
  - Government bill amending some acts concerning the implementation of the Electronic Information Exchange System in the field of Social Security Information on Polish territory [1795],
  - Government bill amending the act on manufacturing and bottling of wine products, trade of those products and market organisation [1789],
  - Government bill amending the act on public finances and some other acts [1789].

- the following **acts** implementing EU law **have been adopted** [paper no.]:
  - Act of 23 October 2013 amending some acts concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union [1831],
  - Act of 23 October 2013 amending the act on the protection of animal health and combating infectious animal diseases and some other acts [1698],
  - Act of 11 October 2013 amending the act on mutual assistance for the recovery of taxes, duties and other receivables [1490].

- the following **acts** implementing EU law **have been published** [paper no.]:
  - Act of 23 October 2013 amending the act on excise duty [1627],
  - Act of 27 September 2013 amending the Act – Pharmaceutical Law and some other acts [1588],
  - Act of 27 September 2013 amending the Act – Geological and Mining Law and some other acts [1493],
  - Act of 13 September 2013 amending the act on organisation of the market in milk and milk products [1589].

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More information on reasoned opinions and all proposals with deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny in October – Biuletyn OIDE on-line

According to the data entered by the national parliaments to IPEX database, 13 parliaments / chambers, representing, in the light of the Protocol no. 2, a total of 18 votes, sent reasoned opinions on the Proposal for Council Regulation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office, COM (2012) 534. Parliaments have reached thereby threshold required to launch the yellow card procedure (in this case 14 votes).

More information on the procedure – OIDE website

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

27-29 October 2013, Vilnius, L Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC)
  o State of play of the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union,
  o Contribution of COSAC to strengthening of interparliamentary cooperation in the European Union,
  o European elections 2014: platform for debate on the EU future with its citizens,
  o Parliamentary diplomacy – the EP-Ukraine – a case study,
  o Implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy,
  o Democratic legitimacy in the EU and the role of EU Parliaments,
  o Digital Agenda: challenges and perspectives.

16-17 October 2013, Vilnius, 1st meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Economic and Financial Governance of the EU
  o The challenge of restoring growth and competitiveness in Europe,
  o Genuine Economic and Monetary Union: the imperative to move forward,
  o Purpose and vision of the Interparliamentary Conference on Economic and Financial Governance of the European Union,
  o Setting the right framework for post-crisis economic governance in the European Union,
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  o Budgetary consolidation and structural reforms in Europe: track record and prospects.

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EU Data Protection Reform - short presentation of the European Commission proposal on data protection reform, selected documents and websites.

The EU Justice Scoreboard – short presentation of the EU Justice Scoreboard and its sources, information on the planned conference on the role of justice in the EU.

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LATEST DEBATES – COMMENTS

Articles on the current political and economic issues in the EU from the specialist periodicals available on-line (accessed 06.11.2013)

- Pascouau Y.: People dying at the EU’s external borders: Can the Summit find the right answer?, European Policy Centre, „Commentary“, 22.10.2013.

More publications’ review: Buletyn OIDE on-line

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