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EU DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In January 2017 the EU Affairs Committee (SUE) held 5 meetings: no. 103-107. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 78 EU documents:
 - pursuant to Art. 7(4) of the Cooperation Act – 11 EU draft legislative acts concerning i.a.: specific measures to provide additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters; administrative cooperation and combating fraud in the field of value added tax; integrated farm statistics,
 - pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act – 54 EC documents (20 communications, 31 reports and 3 proposals for directives) concerning i.a.: the second generation Schengen Information System (SIS II); implementation of EU macro-regional strategies; improving and modernizing education,
 - pursuant to Art. 11(1) of the Cooperation Act – EU documents, which were to be discussed by Agriculture and Fisheries Council, Economic and Financial Affairs Council and General Affairs Council,
 - pursuant to Art. 8(2) of the Cooperation Act – 9 EU draft legal acts concerning i.a. conclusion of the Framework Agreement between EU and its Member States and Australia on suspending the autonomous Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural and industrial products,
- issued a positive opinion on the candidature of Szymon Pawelec for the position of the judge of the General Court of the EU in the period 2016-2022 ([opinion no. 18](#), mtg no. 105),
- considered Government's information on the Republic of Poland's participation in the activities of the European Union in the period July-December 2016 during Slovak Presidency (paper no. 1215, mtg no. 105),
- met with the Ambassador of the Republic of Malta Natasha Meli Daudey and heard information on the programme of Maltese Presidency of the EU Council; met with the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic Dušan Krištofik and heard information on the results of the Slovak Presidency of the EU Council (mtg no. 107).

In January 2017 information on and documents of SUE meetings no. 103-106, 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

- **26.01.2017**, took note of the information on the poultry market prospects for Polish farmers on the domestic market and on the competitiveness factors of the Polish poultry on the EU internal market (mtg no. 114);
- **25.01.2017**, took note of the information of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) on the progress of work on the delimitation of ANCs in Poland (areas facing natural or other specific constraints). Under the Regulation of the EP and of the Council no 1305/2013 of 12.17.2013 member states should implement the new delimitation at the latest in 2018 (mtg no. 112);
- **25.01.2017**, took note of the information of the Minister of ARD on cereals market in Poland and in the EU and on the competitiveness of the Polish market on the internal market of the EU (mtg no. 112);

Digitalisation, Innovation and New Technologies Committee

- **24.01.2017**, considered information on the progress of implementation of the Programme of Integrated Informatization of State and the revision of the National Interoperability Framework (mtg no. 114);

Infrastructure Committee

- **11.01.2017**, issued a positive opinion on the request of the Committee Bureau on the appointment of a permanent sub-committee in charge of monitoring the use of EU funds for the infrastructure (mtg no. 58).

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW - UST DATABASE

In January 2017

- the following **bills** implementing EU law **have been referred** to the first reading [paper no.]:
 - Government bill on mortgage credit and on the supervision of mortgage credit intermediaries and agents [1210],
 - Government bill amending the act on the prevention of pollution from ships and some other acts [1194],
 - Government bill amending the Act - Penal Code and some other acts [1186],
- the following **act** implementing EU law **has been published** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 2 December 2016 on marine equipment [951].

SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

Subsidiarity scrutiny in January (Information from IPEX database as of (09.02.2017))			
Draft legislative act	Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny	Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion	Chamber / parliament (country)
COM(2016) 765*	27.01.2017	24.01.2017 / 25.01.2017	Senate (Netherlands)
		- / 25.01.2017	Chamber of Representatives (Netherlands)

In **January 2017**, 33 draft legislative acts were subject to subsidiarity scrutiny. As of 9 February 2017, the national parliaments submitted 2 reasoned opinions on the non-compliance of the scrutinised draft acts with the subsidiarity principle.

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

31 January - 1 February 2017, Brussels, European Parliamentary Week 2017

- **European Semester**
 - Plenary session: Policy priorities of the 2017 European Semester cycle
 - Plenary session: EMU redux: how to shape a genuine Economic and Monetary Union?
 - Interparliamentary committee meetings (ICM)

ICM organised by the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON):

- Session 1: Panama Papers, Bahamas leaks: which follow-up did national Parliaments give to the revelations? Which lessons can be learned?
- Session 2: Banking Union, Capital Markets Union and the EU Single Market for financial services

ICM organised by the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL):

- Session 1: The mobility of workers and the importance of labour migration
- Session 2: European Pillar of Social Rights - next steps after the consultation

ICM organised by the Committee on Budgets (BUDG):

- More transparent, simple, fair and democratically accountable ways to finance the EU: Follow up of the final recommendations of the high-level group on own resources

- **Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union (IPC SECG)**
 - Plenary session: Stocktaking of the implementation of the "Fiscal compact" - exchange of views on best practices
 - Plenary session: Towards a more comprehensive and coordinated social dimension in the EMU - exchange of views
 - Plenary session: Towards benchmarking of national reforms fostering sustainable growth and jobs - exchange of views on best practises
 - Plenary session: The role of financial assistance programmes and the European Stability Mechanism in safeguarding the stability of the euro - exchange of views

22-23 January 2017, Valletta, Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC

- Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Opening of the meeting, welcome address, introductory remarks, adoption of the agenda
- Session 1: Priorities of the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU, debate
- Procedural issues and miscellaneous matters (briefing on the outcome of the meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC, draft agenda for the LVII COSAC, outline of the 27th Bi-annual Report of COSAC, letters received by the Presidency)
- Session 2: Discussion on the European Commission Work Programme 2017, debate
- Closing remarks

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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Following sections have been updated

OIDE Notes: [European Semester - course of coordination cycle at the level of the Union and Poland \(2011-2017\)](#)

Bibliographies: [BREXIT - selected publications \(since 2016\)](#), [The national parliaments' position in the EU under the Lisbon Treaty](#), [National parliaments in the EU - since 2015](#)

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