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EU DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

On **23 March 2017**, the Sejm of the Republic of Poland:

- held a debate on current information concerning the state of play of Polish foreign policy towards EU, a strategy concerning integration of the Republic of Poland with the euro area and fulfilment of the obligations resulting from the accession treaty, with participation of the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Konrad Szymański and Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Finance, Leszek Skiba ([verbatim record/PL](#), point 15);
- held a debate on Deputies' draft resolution (report of the European Union Affairs Committee, papers no. 1391 i 1394, [verbatim record/PL](#), point 19) and adopted [resolution marking the 60th anniversary of the initiation of the European integration process](#).

EU DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In **March 2017** the **EU Affairs Committee (SUE)** held 6 meetings: no. 115-120. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 74 EU documents:
 - pursuant to Art. 7(4) of the Cooperation Act – 12 EU draft legislative acts concerning i.a.: mutual recognition of freezing and confiscation orders, countering money laundering by criminal law and electronic publication of the Official Journal of the EU,
 - pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act – 27 EC documents (4 communications, 19 reports, 1 working document, 1 proposal for a regulation, 1 proposal for a directive and 1 annual review) concerning i.a.: the Civil Justice Programme, the European carbon market and exchanging and protecting personal data in a globalised world,
 - pursuant to Art. 11(1) of the Cooperation Act – EU documents, which were to be discussed by Justice and Home Affairs Council, Agriculture and Fisheries Council and Economic and Financial Affairs Council,
 - pursuant to Art. 8(2) of the Cooperation Act – 16 EU draft legal acts concerning i.a.: mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund, Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking and position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU, in the 16th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.
- scrutinized: information on the Foreign Affairs Council meeting planned for 3 April 2017 and on the results of the European Council meeting held on 9-10 March 2017 (presented by Secretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Konrad Szymański; mtg no. 118), information on the position the Council of Ministers intends to take in the EU Council pursuant to Art. 3.2 of Protocol No. 36 on transitional provisions, annexed to the TEU and TFEU (presented by: Secretary of State in the Ministry of Environment Paweł Sałek, Secretary of State in the Ministry of Interior and Administration Jakub Skiba, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy Marcin Zieleniecki, Undersecretaries of State in the Ministry of Finance Piotr Nowak and Michał Kurtyka) (mtg no.:118 and 120),
- considered the information on legislative proceedings relating to the implementation of EU directives for which the transposition deadline has expired or will expire within the next three months (as of 24.02.2017), presented by the representatives of appropriate ministries (mtg no. 119),
- held the first reading of Deputies' draft resolution marking the 60th anniversary of the Rome Treaties (paper no. 1399, mtg no. 119),

- held the first reading of Deputies' draft resolution marking the 60th anniversary of the initiation of the European integration process (paper no. 1391, mtg no. 119),
- together with the Public Finances Committee and Economy and Development Committee heard information on Country Report 2017 under European Semester and annual growth analysis, and also on Commission's work programme, taking into account financial and economic issues, presented by Valdis Dombrovskis, EC Vice-President, the Commissioner for the Euro and Social Dialogue, also in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (mtg no. 117).

In **March 2017** information on and documents of SUE meetings no. 115-116 and 118-120, 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

Foreign Affairs Committee

- **08.03.2017**, heard the information of Undersecretary of State Marek Ziółkowski on the Eastern Partnership (mtg no. 59);

Agriculture and Rural Development Committee

- **23.03.2017**, heard the information presented by Undersecretary of Ryszard Zarudzki on the Polish position, the proposed changes and the state of negotiations with the EC in the framework of the 2014-2020 CAP review in the context of the EC communication of 14.09.2016 (COM (2016) 603) (mtg no. 155);

Economy and Development Committee

- **22.03.2017**, considered information of the Minister of Development and Finance on the impact of EU funds on the development of Polish economy (mtg no. 67);

Energy and State Treasury Committee

- **09.03.2017**, considered information on legislative proposals submitted in the document "Clean Energy for All Europeans" COM (2016) 860 in terms of its effects on Poland, with participation of Undersecretary of State Michał Kurtyka; Committee adopted a position on this issue (mtg no. 56, [complete record of of the Committee's meeting/PL](#), p. 16-22);

Petitions Committee

- **08.03.2017**, considered and did not take into account the request for appointment of special Parliamentary Committee on Brexit - aimed at monitoring the negotiations with the UK on the conditions of its exit from the EU, in the context of the long-term national interest of Poland (mtg no. 64).

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW – UST DATABASE

In March 2017

- the following **bills** implementing EU law **have been referred** to the first reading [paper no.]:
 - Government bill on the amendment of the act on micro-organisms and genetically modified organisms and some other acts [[1424](#)],
 - Government bill on restitution of cultural property [[1371](#)],
 - Government bill on claims for damages due to violation of the competition rules [[1370](#)],
 - Government bill amending the act on the collection, storage and transplantation of cells [[1332](#)],
- the following **acts** implementing EU law **have been published** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 9 March 2017 amending the act on Patent Attorneys [[1138](#)],
 - Act of 9 March 2017 on exchange of tax information with other states [[1091](#)].

SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

Subsidiarity scrutiny in December (Information from IPEX database as of 05.04.2017)			
Draft legislative act	Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny	Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion	Chamber / parliament (country)
COM(2016) 723	08.03.2017	06.03.2017 / -	Oireachtas (Ireland)
COM(2016) 821*	14.03.2017	09.03.2017 / 10.03.2017	Bundestag (Germany)
		10.03.2017 / -	Bundesrat (Germany)
		13.03.2017** / -	Senate (France)
		10.03.2017 / -	National Assembly (France)
COM(2016) 822*	20.03.2017	09.03.2017 / 10.03.2017	Bundestag (Germany)
		10.03.2017 / -	Bundesrat (Germany)
		15.03.2017 / 16.03.2017	Federal Council (Austria)
		17.03.2017** / -	Senate (France)
		10.03.2017 / -	National Assembly (France)
COM(2016) 823	20.03.2017	15.03.2017 / 16.03.2017	Federal Council (Austria)
		09.03.2017 / 10.03.2017	Bundestag (Germany)
COM(2016) 824	20.03.2017	15.03.2017 / 16.03.2017	Federal Council (Austria)
		09.03.2017 / 10.03.2017	Bundestag (Germany)
COM(2016) 850	24.03.2017	01.03.2017 / 03.03.2017	Riksdag (Sweden)
COM(2016) 854	15.03.2017	01.03.2017 / 03.03.2017	Riksdag (Sweden)
COM(2016) 861	17.05.2017	30.03.2017 / 31.03.2017	Bundestag (Germany)
COM(2016) 863	06.04.2017	30.03.2017 / 31.03.2017	Bundestag (Germany)
		22.03.2017 / 27.03.2017	Senate (France)

In **march 2017**, 38 draft legislative acts were subject to subsidiarity scrutiny. As of 5 April 2017, the national parliaments submitted 19 reasoned opinions on the non-compliance of the scrutinised draft acts with the subsidiarity principle.

* Biuletyn OIIDE of 28 February 2017 contained information - based on the data from IPEX as of 02.03.2017 - on 2 reasoned opinions adopted by French National Assembly to the documents COM(2016) 821 and COM(2016) 822. According to new data on IPEX, as of 05.04.2017, these opinions were adopted in March, not in February 2017.

** Information on the date of the adoption was given on the basis of the data on the website of the French Senate.

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

6-7 March 2017, Warsaw, [Meeting of the presidents of parliaments of the Visegrád Group countries](#)

8-9 March 2017, Brussels, [Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on "Women's economic empowerment: let's act together"](#)

17 March 2017, Rome, [Extraordinary meeting of Speakers of EU Parliaments](#)

23-24 March 2017, Malta, [Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Social Affairs Committees](#)

More information on interparliamentary cooperation in – [Biuletyn OIDE on-line](#)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

NEW ON THE OIDE WEBSITE

In the section OIDE Notes:

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Following sections have been updated:

OIDE Notes: [European Defence Union](#); [European Pillar of Social Rights](#); [European Public Prosecutor's Office](#); [European Semester - course of coordination cycle at the level of the Union and Poland \(2011-2017\)](#); [Green and White Papers](#); [Reform of the Common European Asylum System \(CEAS\)](#)
Bibliographies: [BREXIT – selected publications \(since 2016\)](#), [The national parliaments' position in the EU under the Lisbon Treaty](#)
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LATEST DEBATES - COMMENTS

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- D'Alfonso A.: [Mid-term revision of the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework](#), „W skrócie”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 29.03.2017.
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- Bordinon M., Moriconi S.: [The case for a common European refugee policy](#), „Policy Contribution”, Iss. 8, Bruegel, 20.03.2017.
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- Bughin J.: [60 years after Rome: how is the EU really doing?](#), „Europe's World”, 24.03.2017.
- Centeno M.: [A Euro for Growth and Convergence](#), „Tribune”, Notre Europe - Jacques Delors Institute, 13.03.2017.
- Cioriciu A., Willermain F.: [How to make the most of the EU's financial potential?](#), „In European Policy Briefs”, no. 47, Royal Institute for International Relations – EGMONT, 22.03.2017.
- Drachenberg R., Tenhunen S.: [Outlook for the 9 March 2017 European Council, and the Informal meeting of the 27 Heads of State or Government on 10 March 2017](#), „Briefing”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 10.03.2017.

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