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EU DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In April 2017 the EU Affairs Committee (SUE) held 7 meetings: no. 121-127. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 67 EU documents:
 - pursuant to Art. 7(4) of the Cooperation Act – 8 EU draft legislative acts concerning i.a.: internal market for electricity, promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources and European business statistics,
 - pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act – 38 EC documents (8 communications, 24 reports, 2 proposals for regulations, 2 proposals for directives, 1 joint communication and 1 annual review) concerning i.a.: Facility for Refugees in Turkey, quality of fiscal data reported by Member States in 2016 and progress made in the implementation of the EU-Turkey Statement,
 - pursuant to Art. 11(1) of the Cooperation Act – EU documents, which were to be discussed by General Affairs Council,
 - pursuant to Art. 8(2) of the Cooperation Act – 8 EU draft legal acts concerning i.a.: the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU at the Eighth Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, amendment to the regulation on certain fishing opportunities and position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the Joint Committee of the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin,
- took note of information of the Minister of Foreign Affairs on negotiations on the UK's withdrawal from the EU under Article 50 of the Treaty of Lisbon - Poland's goals (presented by Secretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Konrad Szymański) (mtg no. 121),
- scrutinized: information on the Foreign Affairs Council meeting planned for 29 April 2017 (presented by Secretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Konrad Szymański) and information on the position the Council of Ministers had taken in the EU Council pursuant to Art. 3 (2) of Protocol no. 36 on transitional provisions (presented by Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Justice Marcin Warchoń) (mtg no. 123),
- held the meeting with Michel Barnier, Chief Negotiator of the European Commission's Task Force for the Preparation and Conduct of the Negotiations with the United Kingdom under Article 50 TEU (mtg no. 124),
- heard information on the British Government's strategy for departing the European Union presented by J.E. Jonathan Knott, Ambassador of the United Kingdom (mtg no. 125),
- adopted [opinion no. 20](#) on documents COM(2016) 759 and 860 (mtg no. 126),
- together with the Public Finances Committee and Economy and Development Committee heard information on Convergence Programme and National Reform Programme prepared by Poland in connection with the implementation of the European Semester in 2017 (presented by Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Finance Leszek Skiba and Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Development Adam Hrymszczak) (mtg no. 127).

SUBSIDIARITY SCRUTINY

COM(2016) 861 – deadline for scrutiny 17.05.2017

Proposal for a regulation European Parliament and of the Council on the internal market for electricity (recast)

EU Affairs Committee:

- 05.04.2017, mtg. 122 - [opinion no. 19](#) on the non-compliance with the subsidiarity principle,
- 21.04.2017, mtg. 126 - the Committee draft resolution containing reasoned opinion.

In April 2017 information on and documents of SUE meetings no. 122-123 and 126, 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

Digitalisation, Innovation and New Technologies Committee

- 20.04.2017, considered the information presented by the Secretary of State in the Ministry of the Interior and Administration – Jarosław Zieliński on the state of play of the European Parliament and Council Directive (EU) 2016/680 of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes of the crime prevention (mtg no. 57);

Environmental Protection, Natural Resources and Forestry Committee

- 06.04.2017, considered information on Poland's fulfillment of the conditions enabling the activation, in the new financial perspective, of EU funds for waste management (mtg no. 64).

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW – UST DATABASE

In April 2017

- the following **bills** implementing EU law **have been referred** to the first reading [paper no.]:
 - Government bill amending the act on promotion of employment and labour market institutions and some other acts [\[1494\]](#),
 - Government bill amending the act - Geological and Mining Law and some other acts [\[1480\]](#),
- the following **acts** implementing EU law **have been published** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 23 March 2017 amending the act on the collection, storage and transplantation of cells [\[1332\]](#),
 - Act of 23 March 2017 on mortgage credit and on the supervision of mortgage credit intermediaries and agents [\[1210\]](#),
 - Act of 23 March 2017 amending the act on - Penal Code and some other acts [\[1186\]](#),
 - Act of 24 February 2017 amending the act on the prevention of pollution from ships and some other acts [\[1194\]](#).

SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

Subsidiarity scrutiny in April (Information from IPEX database as of 08.05.2017)			
Draft legislative act	Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny	Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion	Chamber / parliament (country)
COM(2016) 861*	17.05.2017	20.04.2017 / 28.04.2017	Chamber of Deputies (Czech Republic)
		27.04.2017 / 05.04.2017	Senat (Poland)
		26.04.2017 / 28.04.2017	Cortes Generales (Spain)

COM(2016) 863*	06.04.2017	04.04.2017 / 05.04.2017	Senate (Romania)
COM(2016) 864	09.05.2017	27.04.2017 / 05.04.2017	Senat (Poland)

In **April 2017**, 18 draft legislative acts were subject to subsidiarity scrutiny. As of 8 May 2017, the national parliaments submitted 5 reasoned opinions on the non-compliance of the scrutinised draft acts with the subsidiarity principle.

* In March 2017 reasoned opinions to the documents COM(2016) 861 and COM(2016) 863 were submitted - see the previous [Bulletin OIDE – March 2017](#). Furthermore, in March 2017 the German Bundesrat adopted a reasoned opinion to the document COM(2016) 861, but this information appeared in the IPEX database after the March [Bulletin OIDE](#) was published.

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

26-28 April 2017, Malta, [Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy \(CFSP/CSDP\)](#)

- Meeting of the representatives of the Presidency Troika and the European Parliament
- Session I: State of play of the European Neighbourhood Policy, debate
- Session II: European Response to the Instability and Threats in the Southern Mediterranean and the Middle East, debate
- Parallel workshops (Workshop 1 - EU's Migration Policy in 2017 and beyond, Workshop 2 - Fighting propaganda and information warfare, Workshop 3 - European Defence Action Plan and EU-NATO relations)
- Session III: Exchange of views on the priorities and the strategies of the EU in the area of CFSP and CSDP, debate
- Final Session: presentation of workshop results and adoption of the conclusions, closing remarks

23-25 May 2016, Bratislava, [Conference of Speakers of the European Union Parliaments](#)

- Meeting of Speakers of Parliaments of the Troika (Luxembourg, Slovakia, Estonia) and the European Parliament
- Presentation of achievements of the Slovak EU Council Presidency and its parliamentary dimension
- State of play of the Maltese EU Council Presidency and its parliamentary dimension
- Session I: Future of the EU as a global player in the context of the current global changes and the role of national parliaments, debate
- Session II: Bringing parliamentary agenda closer to citizens in the modern era – sharing best practices, debate
- Discussion and adoption of the conclusions
- Debate on final modalities of the JPSG on Europol
- Closing remarks

6-7 April 2017, Malta, [Meeting of the Chairpersons of Economic and Environmental Affairs Committees](#)

- Session I: The economic and social impact of climate change – the costs of doing nothing, debate
- Session II: Financing the cost of taking action – climate change as an exciting opportunity for non-state actors, part A - Public and private financing, debate
- Session III: Financing the cost of taking action – climate change as an exciting opportunity for non-state actors, part B - Practical discussion on the involvement of non-state actors, debate
- Closing of the meeting

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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In the section **OIDE Notes**:

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Bibliographies: [BREXIT – selected publications \(since 2016\)](#)

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