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EUROPEAN DEBATES IN THE SEJM

12 December 2013 - the Sejm has accepted information of the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the course and results of the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius on 28-29 November 2013 ([verbatim/PL](#) point 12).

EU DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In **December 2013** the EU Affairs Committee (SUE) held 10 meetings: 206-215. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 107 EU documents,
- adopted two opinions concerning EU documents (no. 47 and 48),
- heard information on the results of the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius, 28-29.11.2013, presented by Undersecretary of State in Ministry of Foreign Affairs Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz (mtg. no. 207 and 208),
- together with Local Self-Government and Regional Policy Committee considered the motion for the appointment of the special Subcommittee to consider the Government's bill amending the act on the principles of development policy and some other acts (paper no. 1881, mtg. no. 209).

SUBSIDIARITY SCRUTINY

[COM\(2013\) 751](#) – deadline for scrutiny 26.12.2013

Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council adapting to Article 290 and 291 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union a number of legal acts providing for the use of the regulatory procedure with scrutiny

4.12.2013 – the EU Affairs Committee adopted opinion no. 47 on the non-compliance of the EU document with the subsidiarity principle

In **December 2013** information and documents on SUE meetings no. 206 and 210-215, 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

Administration and Digitization Committee

- **04.12.2013**, heard the information on investments in the Next Generation Networks in the light of the implementation of the Digital Agenda for Europe – current state of play, needs, barriers to investment and methods to overcome them (mtg no. 52);

- **12.12.2013**, considered the information on the progress of concluding the European agreement on eCall system (mtg no. 54);

State Audit Committee

- **04.12.2013**, considered the information of the Supreme Audit Office on the results of audit concerning preparation of the Government strategic documents on the financial perspective 2014-2020 (mtg no. 94);
- **12.12.2013**, adopted „Desideratum no. 118 on the preparation by the Government of the strategic documents on the financial perspective 2014-2020" addressed to the Prime Minister (mtg no. 97);

Education, Science and Youth Committee

- **03.12.2013**, considered the information of the Supreme Audit Office on the results of audit of implementation of educational projects under the priority III of the Human Capital Operational Programme together with the position of Minister of National Education (mtg no. 130);

Innovation and New Technologies Committee

- **11.12.2013**, considered the information on the state of preparations for Digital Poland 2014-2020 Operational Programme (mtg no. 101);

Agriculture and Rural Development Committee

- **04.12.2013**, considered the information of the Supreme Audit Office on the results of audit of coordination and accomplishment of municipal infrastructure tasks financed from the EU funds on CAP and from structural funds (mtg no. 157);
- **05.12.2013**, considered the information of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) on organic agriculture, including the information on new legal regulations in Poland, in the light of CAP 2014-2020 (mtg no. 158);
- **11.12.2013**, heard the information of the ARD Minister on implementation of the Operational Programme "Sustainable Development of the Fisheries Sector and Coastal Fishing Areas 2007-2013" (mtg no. 161);
- **12.12.2013**, considered the information of the ARD Minister on implementation of strategic objectives in animal breeding, including funds (present and planned) from Rural Development Programme to conserve animal genetic resources in agriculture (mtg no. 162).

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW – UST DATABASE

In December 2013

- the following **bills** implementing EU law **have been referred to the first reading** [paper no.]:
 - Government bill amending the act on the Agency for Restructuring and Modernisation of Agriculture [\[2000\]](#),
 - Government bill amending the act - Atomic Law and some other acts [\[1993\]](#),
 - Government bill amending the act - Road Traffic Law and some other acts [\[1991\]](#),
 - Government bill amending the act on exercise of the legislative initiative by citizens [\[1990\]](#),
 - Government bill amending the act - Electoral Code [\[1983\]](#).
- the following **act** implementing EU law **has been adopted** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 12 December 2013 on aliens [\[1526\]](#).
- the following **acts** implementing EU law **have been published** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 8 November 2013 amending some acts concerning the implementation of the Electronic Information Exchange System in the field of Social Security Information on Polish territory [\[1795\]](#),
 - Act of 8 November 2013 amending the act on public finances and some other acts [\[1789\]](#),
 - Act of 12 December 2013 on aliens [\[1526\]](#).

SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

Subsidiarity scrutiny in December – reasoned opinions (Information from IPEX database as of 7.01.2014)			
Draft legislative act	Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny	Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion	Chamber / parliament (country)
COM(2013) 721	2.01.2014	24.12.2013 / 24.12.2013	Senate (France)
		29.11.2013 / -	Bundesrat (Germany)

More information on reasoned opinions and proposals – [Biuletyn OIDE on-line](#)

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

17 December 2013, Brussels, [The EU Internal Energy Market for the 21st Century](#), Joint Committee Meeting

- o European energy policy - challenges, achievements and perspectives,
- o A European energy policy for sustainable growth and competitiveness.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

NEW ON THE OIDE WEBSITE

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Common agricultural policy after 2013

On 16 December 2013 the EU Council adopted four regulations on EU agricultural policy in the period 2015-2020 and regulation laying down transitional provisions for 2014. Council decision brings to an end the legislative work on common agricultural policy after 2013 which was initiated by the EC on 12 October 2011.

Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020

On 2 December 2013 the EU Council adopted the regulation laying down the multiannual financial framework (MFF) for 2014-2020 and approved the interinstitutional agreement between the EP, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline, on cooperation in budgetary matters and on sound financial management. Council decision marks the end of two and a half years of negotiations.

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