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EUROPEAN DEBATES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEJM

8 February 2018, the Sejm of the Republic of Poland adopted *Resolution on negotiations concerning the operating principles of the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union after 2020* – text of the [resolution/EN](#).

7 February 2018, Deputies' draft resolution concerning CAP after 2020 (report of the European Union Affairs Committee and Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, papers no. 2168 and 2205) was debated with the participation of Krzysztof Jurgiel, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development ([verbatim record/PL](#) point 19 and [verbatim record/PL](#) point 19 [continued]).

DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In **February 2018 the EU Affairs Committee (SUE) held 7 meetings: no. 182-188**. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 92 EU documents:
 - pursuant to Art. 7(4) of the Cooperation Act – 10 EU draft legislative acts concerning i.a., mutual recognition of goods lawfully marketed in another Member State; transparent and predictable working conditions in the European Union; prudential supervision of investment firms,
 - pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act – 48 EC documents (17 communications, 29 reports, 1 joint communication and 1 proposal for regulation) concerning i.a., implementation of EU standardisation policy and the contribution of European standards to EU strategic policies; structure and rates of excise duty applied to tobacco products; strengthening Europe's energy networks,
 - pursuant to Art. 11(1) of the Cooperation Act – EU documents, which were to be discussed by Economic and Financial Affairs Council, Justice and Home Affairs Council and Environmental Council,
 - pursuant to Art. 8(2) of the Cooperation Act – 23 EU draft legal acts concerning i.a., Council Recommendation on key competences for lifelong learning; Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the EU, in the International Civil Aviation Organization; Council Recommendation on promoting common values, inclusive education, and the European dimension of teaching,
- considered and issued for the Marshal of the Sejm an opinion on Nowoczesna Deputies' Club's proposal for "Information of the Prime Minister on the reasons for the failure of the government of Law and Justice in attempts to transfer the seats of the European Banking Authority (EBA) and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) from London to Warsaw " to be presented at the meeting of the Sejm (mtg no. 187),
- considered information for the Sejm and the Senate on the Republic of Poland's participation in the activities of the European Union in July-December 2017 (Estonian Presidency of the EU Council) (presented by the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Konrad Szymański) (mtg no. 187),
- scrutinized: information on the European Council meeting planned for 22-23 March 2018 and information on the Foreign Affairs Council meeting held on 26 February 2018 (presented by the Secretary of State in the MFA Konrad Szymański), also information on the Foreign Affairs Council (ministers of defence)

meeting planned for 6 March 2018 (presented by the Secretary of State in the Ministry of National Defence (MND) Wojciech Skurkiewicz) (mtg no. 187).

SUE together with the National Defence Committee:

- considered information of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of National Defence on new European Union initiatives in the field of defence: Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO), Coordinated Annual Review on Defence (CARD) and European Defence Fund (EDF) (presented by the Undersecretary of State in the MFA Bartosz Cichocki and the Secretary of State in the MND Wojciech Skurkiewicz) (SUE mtg no. 183).

In **February 2018** information on and documents of SUE meetings no. 182 and 184-188, 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

Environmental Protection, Natural Resources and Forestry Committee

- **28.02.2018**, considered the information presented by the Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of the Environment, Stawomir Mazurek, on waste management and its compliance with European Union regulations (mtg no. 122);

Maritime Economy and Inland Water Transport Committee

- **28.02.2018**, considered the information presented by the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation, Jerzy Materna, on the situation of workers of the inland waterway sector delegated to work in European Union countries (mtg no. 80);
- **07.02.2018**, considered the information presented by the Minister of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation, Marek Gróbarczyk, on the use of the European Union funds under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund for 2014-2020, with particular emphasis on subsidies for Polish fishermen with regard to permanent cessation of fishing activities (mtg no. 79).

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW - UST DATABASE

In February 2018

- the following **bills** implementing EU law **have been referred** to the first reading [paper no.]:
 - Government bill amending the act on Public Collective Transport [[2286](#)],
 - Government bill on counteracting money laundering and terrorist financing [[2233](#)],
 - Government bill on collective management of copyright [[2232](#)],
- the following **acts** implementing EU law **have been published** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 26 January 2018 amending the act on the National Court Register and some other acts [[2067](#)],
 - Act of 11 January 2018 on electromobility and alternative fuels [[2147](#)].

SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

In **February 2018**, 22 draft legislative acts were subject to subsidiarity scrutiny. As of 7 March 2018, the national parliaments submitted no reasoned opinions on the non-compliance of the scrutinised draft acts with the subsidiarity principle.

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

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

15-17 February 2018, Sofia, Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CFSP/CSDP)

- Meeting of the Presidency Troika and the European Parliament

- Heads of Delegations Meeting
- Meetings of Political Groups
- Opening Session
- Session I:
 - Priorities and Strategies of the EU in the Area of CFSP and CSDP - Debate
- Session II:
 - Accelerating Reforms in View of European Perspective for the Western Balkans - Debate
- Workshops
 - Workshop 1 – Strategic Energy and Transport Connectivity in the Western Balkans
 - Workshop 2 – Danube Strategy
 - Workshop 3 – EU-China Relations
- Summary of the discussions of the workshops
- Session III:
 - CSDP- Implementation of the EU Global Strategy
 - Strengthening EU-NATO cooperation within the implementation of the Warsaw Declaration
 - Development of the EU military capabilities
 - Cyber-defense and strategic communications
 - Debate
- Session IV:
 - State of Play of the Black Sea Region
 - Presentation of Conference Documents
 - Closing Remarks

19-20 February 2018, Brussels, [European Parliamentary Week 2018](#)

- **2018 European Semester cycle**
 - Opening plenary session: Policy priorities of the 2018 European Semester cycle?
 - Interparliamentary Committee Meetings (in parallel):
 - *Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs*
Session I: Future of EU Tax Policy: Taxation of the Digital Economy, follow-up to Panama Papers & Paradise Papers, and the work of the EP PANA Inquiry Committee
Session II: Banking Union: managing the balance between risk sharing and risk reduction
 - *Committee on Employment and Social Affairs*
Session I: Digitalisation and the future of work
Session II: Inequalities in Member States
 - *Committee on Budgets*
Session I: The post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) - addressing emerging challenges and new priorities, and their financing
Session II: Reform of the European Union's system of own resources
 - Concluding plenary session: The next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)
- **Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union**
 - Plenary session: Strengthening resilience and stabilisation in the EMU
 - Plenary session: From the ESM to the EMF: What should be the role of Parliaments?

27 February 2018, Brussels, [Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on “The UN Global Compacts on refugees and migrants and the role of Parliaments”](#)

- Opening remarks
- Keynote speech by Commissioner D. Avramopoulos, European Commission
- Session I - The global compact on refugees (GCR)
- Session II - The global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration (GCM)
- Closing Session

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

NEW ON THE OIDE WEBSITE:

Following sections have been updated:

OIDE Notes: [Brexit - documents](#); [Task force on Subsidiarity and Proportionality and "Doing Less More Efficiently"](#); [Transparency of the legislative process in the Council - European Ombudsman inquiry](#); [Review of the decision on](#)

the European Parliament composition; European Semester - course of coordination cycle at the level of the Union and Poland (2011-2018); EU-Western Balkans strategy; Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027

Important Parliamentary Debates: 8th European Parliament on the EU constitutional order - Reforma europejskiego prawa wyborczego

Bibliographies: BREXIT – selected publications (since 2016); Act on the cooperation of the Council of Ministers with the Sejm and the Senate in EU affairs (2004 and 2010)

Polish Legal Acts: [The Standing Orders of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland](#)

LATEST DEBATES - COMMENTS

Selected articles on the current political and economic issues in the EU from the specialist periodicals available on-line (accessed 05.03.2018)

- Angerer J., Japunčić T.: *Implementation of the Stability and Growth Pact (February 2018)*, „Briefing”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 08.02.2018.
- Binder K.: *Regulating imports of cultural goods*, „Briefing”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 08.02.2018.
- Biscop S.: *PESCO: Good News for NATO from the EU*, „In Commentaries”, EGMONT – The Royal Institute for International Relations, 14.02.2018.
- Ciucci M (i.in.): *Economic Dialogue with the President of the Eurogroup - ECON on 21 February 2018*, „Analiza”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 19.02.2018.
- Ciucci M (i.in.): *European Stability Mechanism – Main Features, Instruments and Accountability*, „Briefing”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 09.02.2018.
- Ciucci M.: *2018 Recommendations on the economic policy of the Euro Area: A comparison of Commission and Council texts (the 'comply or explain' principle)*, „Briefing”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 08.02.2018.
- Ciucci M.: *Member States Progress towards the EU 2020 Targets*, „W skrócie”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 02.02.2018.
- Ciucci M: *Thematic Digest: Economic Governance*, „Briefing”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 08.02.2018.
- *Commentary: Informal meeting of the 27 heads of state or government*, Institute for European Policy (EUROPEUM), 28.02.2018.
- De Ruyt J.: *Is there an escape from 'Ever Closer Union'?*, „In Commentaries”, no. 49, EGMONT – The Royal Institute for International Relations, 28.02.2018.
- Drachenberg R.: *The European Council and the Multiannual Financial Framework*, „Briefing”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 21.02.2018.
- Dumbrava C.: *Revision of the Schengen Information System for border checks*, „Briefing”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 12.02.2018.

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