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## EUROPEAN DEBATES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEJM

**21 and 22 March 2018** - the Sejm held the debate on the information presented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Jacek Czaputowicz on the tasks of the Polish foreign policy in 2018 ([verbatim record/PL point 10](#), [verbatim record/PL point 10](#)).

## DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In **March 2018 the EU Affairs Committee (SUE) held 5 meetings: no. 189-193**. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 32 EU documents:
  - pursuant to Art. 7(4) of the Cooperation Act – 4 EU draft legislative acts concerning i.a., establishing a framework for interoperability between EU information systems (police and judicial cooperation, asylum and migration; borders and visa); quality of water intended for human consumption,
  - pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act – 14 EC documents (4 communications, 9 reports and 1 Commission decision) concerning i.a., implementation of the EU customs Action Plan to combat IPR infringements for the years 2013/2017; future of food and farming; mid-term evaluation of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF),
  - pursuant to Art. 8(2) of the Cooperation Act – 14 EU draft legal acts concerning i.a., mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund to provide assistance to Greece, Spain, France and Portugal; position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Annex XIII (Transport) to the EEA Agreement; opening of negotiations on a Partnership Agreement between the European Union and countries of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States,
- considered information of the Minister of Foreign Affairs on "EU enlargement policy. Assessment of the accession prospects of the Western Balkan countries. Polish involvement in the EU enlargement process" (presented by the Undersecretary of State in the MFA Bartosz Cichocki) (mtg no. 189),
- scrutinized information on the Agriculture and Fisheries Council meeting held on 19 March 2018 (presented by: Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation Grzegorz Witkowski and Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Ryszard Zarudzki (mtg no. 190),
- considered the motion of the presidium of the committee to initiate the consideration of draft resolution on the future shape of cohesion policy in the European Union (mtg no. 192).

## OPINIONS ADOPTED BY THE SUE

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*Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on health technology assessment and amending Directive 2011/24/EU*

## EU Affairs Committee

- 22.03.2018, mtg 191 – [opinion no. 30](#)
- 27.03.2018 – transmission of the opinion (stating i.a. non-compliance of the proposal with the principle of subsidiarity) to the Presidents of the EP, Council and European Commission in the framework of political dialogue

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## SUE together with Public Finances Committee

took note of the information of the Commissioner for Budget and Human Resources, Günther Oettinger, on the plans for the next Multiannual Financial Framework and on the European Commission Work Programme for 2018 (mtg no. 193).

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In **March 2018** information on and documents of SUE meetings no. 189-191, provided by the EU Affairs Committee secretariat, were published in the EDL-S (European Legislative Documents in the Sejm) and IPEX databases.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW - UST DATABASE

### In March 2018

the following **bills** implementing EU law **have been referred** to the first reading [paper no.]:

- Government bill amending the act on - Pharmaceutical Law and and some other acts [\[2386\]](#),
- Government bill amending the act on conformity assessment system and the act on conformity assessment and market surveillance systems and some other acts [\[2376\]](#).

## SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

| Subsidiarity scrutiny in March 2018<br>(Information from IPEX database as of 05.04.2018) |                                    |                                             |                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Draft legislative act                                                                    | Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny | Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion | Chamber / parliament (country)        |
| <a href="#">COM(2017) 753</a>                                                            | 03.04.2018                         | 13.03.2018 / 16.03.2018                     | Federal Council (Austria)             |
|                                                                                          |                                    | 14.03.2018 / -                              | Chamber of Deputies (Czech Republic)  |
| <a href="#">COM(2017) 795</a>                                                            | 23.03.2018                         | - / 22.03.2018                              | Riksdag (Sweden)                      |
| <a href="#">COM(2018) 51</a>                                                             | 06.02.2018                         | 28.03.2018 / 03.04.2018                     | Chamber of Deputies (Czech Republic)* |
|                                                                                          |                                    | 22.03.2018 / 28.03.2018                     | Bundestag (Germany)                   |

In **March**, 27 draft legislative acts were subject to subsidiarity scrutiny. As of 5 April 2018, the national parliaments submitted 4 reasoned opinions on the non-compliance of the scrutinised draft acts with the subsidiarity principle.

\* Reasoned opinion of the Czech Chamber of Deputies was submitted in April, that is why it was not included in the March summary.

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

## INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

### 1-2 March 2018, Budapest, Meeting of Presidents of Parliaments of the Visegrád Group Countries

- Experiences of the Hungarian V4 Parliamentary Presidency
- Strengthening the V4 parliamentary administration cooperation
- Conference of Presidents and committee delegations of the Parliaments of V4 Countries “V4 for Values – strengthening parliamentary cooperation in the EU”
- Signing the conclusions from the meeting

### 8 March 2018, Brussels, Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on “Empowering women and girls in media and ICT: key for the future”

- Women shaping media
- Empowering women and girls through digital inclusion
- Women’s movements on the rise: advancing equality in the digital age
- Closing remarks

### 18-19 March 2018, Sofia, Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol

- Opening and introductory remarks by the Co-Chairs
- Exchange of views and adoption of the Rules of Procedure for the JPSG
- Past and future Europol cooperation with the Western Balkan countries
- Exchange of views on the Europol Draft Multiannual Programming 2019–2021 with Mr. Rob Wainwright, Executive Director of Europol
- Exchange of views with Mr. Priit Pärkna, Chairperson of the Europol Management Board
- EDPS supervision of Europol: 2017 activities and ongoing work
- Countering illegal content online and optimizing cybersecurity: Europol's Cybercrime Centre and the EU Internet Referral Unit
- Europol's contribution to the fight against terrorism and the prevention of organized crime
- Conclusions and closing of the meeting by the Co-Chairs

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### NEW ON THE OIDE WEBSITE:

#### Following sections have been updated:

OIDE Notes: [Brexit - documents](#); [European Citizens' Initiative](#); [European Semester - course of coordination cycle at the level of the Union and Poland \(2011-2018\)](#); [Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027, Rule of law compliance mechanisms in the European Union](#); [Transparency register](#)

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

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

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