

Biuletyn OIDE

Review of the Sejm's European activities

No. 14 (43), 30 June 2014

oide.sejm.gov.pl

Newsletter of the EUROPEAN INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE (Biuletyn OIDE), published also on the Centre's website, contains a monthly review of the Sejm's activities relating to Poland's membership of the EU. Slightly more extensive on-line bulletin includes also links to full texts and databases, marked in the paper version by underlining.

EU DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In June 2014 the EU Affairs Committee (SUE) held 7 meetings: no. 257-263. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 62 EU documents:
 - pursuant to Art. 7(4) of the Cooperation Act – 4 EU draft legislative acts concerning regulation on appliances burning gaseous fuels and draft codifications of regulations on the safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Iceland, the Swiss Confederation and the Kingdom of Norway. SUE didn't raise any objections about subsidiarity principle with regards to those 4 draft acts,
 - pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act – 27 European Commission documents (10 communications, 8 reports, 1 joint report and 8 opinions) concerning ia. long-term financing of the European economy, implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive or European Energy Security Strategy,
 - pursuant to Art. 11(1) of the Cooperation Act – EU documents, which were to be discussed by Economic and Financial Affairs Council, Agriculture and Fisheries Council and Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council,
 - pursuant to Art. 8(2) of the Cooperation Act – 14 EU draft legal acts concerning ia. conclusion of a Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and Ukraine or management of autonomous tariff quotas of the Union for certain agricultural and industrial products,
- adopted [opinion no. 51](#) concerning draft regulation of the EP and the Council laying down a prohibition on driftnet fisheries, COM(2014) 265 (mtg no. 262),
- gave a positive opinion on the candidatures of: (mtg no. 262):
 - Mr Michał Modrzejewski for the member of the European Economic and Social Committee until the end of the term of office in 2015 ([opinion no. 54](#)),
 - Mr Jacek Dominik for the member of the European Commission until the end of the 2009-2014 term of office ([opinion no. 55](#)),
- together with Public Finance Committee and Economic Committee heard the information on recommendations for Poland concerning the implementation of European Semester in 2014, presented by Janusz Lewandowski, Commissioner for Financial Programming and Budget, and Undersecretaries of State in the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Economy (mtg no. 257),
- together with Local Government and Regional Policy Committee established a special subcommittee to consider the Government's bill on principles of realization of cohesion policy programmes financed within the EU financial perspective 2014-2020 (paper no. 2450, mtg no. 261).

In June 2014 information and documents on SUE meetings no. 258-260 and 262, 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

Social Policy and Family Committee

- **25.06.2014**, issued a positive opinion for the Local Government and Regional Policy Committee and EU Affairs Committee on the Government's bill on principles of realization of cohesion policy programmes financed within the EU financial perspective 2014-2020, (paper no. 2450, mtg no. 172);

Agriculture and Rural Development Committee

- **05.06.2014**, heard the information of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) on the participation in the activities of the Agriculture and Fisheries Council in May 2014; adopted desideratum addressed to the Prime Minister on the support for Government's actions aiming at lodging of the complaint with the Court of Justice of the EU concerning the Directive 2014/40/EU of 03.04.2014, the so-called tobacco directive (mtg no. 192).

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW – UST DATABASE

In June 2014

- the following **bills** implementing EU law have been **referred to the first reading** [paper no.]:
 - Government bill amending the act on goods and services tax and the act - Tax Ordinance [\[2507\]](#),
 - Government bill on the energy performance of buildings [\[2444\]](#),
 - Government bill amending the act on genetically modified organisms and some other acts [\[2394\]](#).
- the following **acts** implementing EU law have been **adopted** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 26 June 2014 on some agreements concluded in connection with the performance of contracts of primary importance for security of the State [\[2167\]](#),
 - Act of 26 June 2014 amending the act the act on granting protection to aliens within the territory of the Republic of Poland and some other acts [\[2243\]](#),
 - Act of 26 June 2014 amending the act on corporate income tax, act on personal income tax and some other acts [\[2330\]](#),
 - Act of 10 June 2014 amending the act - Environmental law and some other acts [\[2162\]](#),
 - Act of 10 June 2014 amending the act - Geological and Mining Law and some other acts [\[2352\]](#),
 - Act of 10 June 2014 amending the act on accounting [\[2245\]](#).
- the following **acts** implementing EU law have been **published** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 30 May 2014 amending the act - Water law and some other acts [\[2106\]](#),
 - Act of 30 May 2014 on consumer rights [\[2076\]](#).

SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

Subsidiarity scrutiny in October – reasoned opinions (Information from IPEX database as of 03.07.2014)			
Draft legislative act	Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny	Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion	Chamber / parliament (country)
COM(2014) 221	9.06.2014	- / 13.06.2014	House of Commons (United Kingdom)
COM(2013) 884	31.07.2014	24.06.2014 / 25.06.2014	Riksdag (Sweden)

In **June 2014**, 7 draft legislative acts were subject to subsidiarity scrutiny. As of 3 July 2014, the national parliaments submitted in June 2 reasoned opinions on the non-compliance of these draft acts with the subsidiarity principle.

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

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

15-17 June 2014, Athens, [Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union \(COSAC\)](#)

- Opening and procedural issues,
- State of play of the Hellenic Presidency of the Council of the European Union,
- Sharing a vision on Europe 2025,
- Challenges for the EU: the crisis in Ukraine,
- Democratic legitimacy and European leadership: the day after the European elections,
- Meeting of the COSAC Women's Forum - The female capital against the backdrop of the economic and financial crisis (economic and financial crisis: the impact on women, integration of gender perspective in the EU growth strategy),
- Addressing the social deficit in the E.U. (rethinking the European Employment Strategy, investing in European youth: the way out of the economic crisis, Youth Guarantee Scheme: best practices, encouraging creativity and young entrepreneurship),
- Adoption of the Conclusions and Contribution of LI COSAC.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

NEW ON THE OIDE WEBSITE

In the section [Legal and Systemic Issues](#)

New information and documents were added to the articles in sections:

- Institutional issues,
- Area of freedom, security and justice,
- Internal market and sectoral policies,
- Economic and monetary union,
- EU's external action.

In the section [Review of Policies](#) – all policies were updated.

LATEST DEBATES – COMMENTS

Articles on the current political and economic issues in the EU from the specialist periodicals available on-line (accessed 03.07.2014)

- Delors J., Vitorino A., Lamy P. (i.in): [Engager l'Europe dans le monde](#), "Notre Europe Tribune", 18.06.2014.
- Emmanouilidis J.A.: [The beginning of a new political cycle: the results and consequences of a nomination summit - Post-Summit Analysis](#), European Policy Centre, 30.06.2014.
- Frontini A.: [The European Union Maritime Security Strategy: sailing uncharted waters?](#), "Commentary", European Policy Centre, 26.06.2014.
- Ghinea C.: [Integrating Ukraine and Moldova in EU's energy security plans](#), "Commentary", European Policy Centre, 23.06.2014.
- Gros D.: [Relative direct democratic legitimacy](#), "CEPS Commentaries", Centre for European Policy Studies, 26.06.2014.
- Odendahl Ch., Tilford S.: [The eurozone economy needs a kick-start](#), "CER Bulletin", iss. 96, Centre for European Reform, 06.06.2014.
- Parkes R.: [A Game-Changer for the EU: Why Major Treaty Reform Is a Real Prospect](#), "PISM Bulletin", No. 90(685), 25 June 2014.
- Pascouau Y.: [The European Council's strategic guidelines and immigration: can the EU be bold and innovative?](#), "Commentary", European Policy Centre, 25.06.2014.
- Pascouau Y., Schumacher P.: [Frontex and the respect of fundamental rights: from better protection to full responsibility](#), "Policy Brief", European Policy Centre, 3.06.2014.
- Thibault P. Fernandes S.: [Troika et pays sous-programme: quels enseignements politiques ?](#), "Notre Europe Synthèse", 12.06.2014.
- Vaughne M.: [A new Commission President in 2014](#), "Commons Library Standard Note", House of Commons, 24.06.2014.

- Vitorino A.: [Un nouveau président, pour quoi faire ?](#), "Notre Europe Tribune", 25.06.2014.
- Vitorino A., Delors J.: [L'Union après les élections: demandez le programme!](#), "Notre Europe Tribune", 24.06.2014.
- Zuleeg F.: [Reflections on the 26-27 June European Council Summit](#), "Commentary", European Policy Centre, 27.06.2014.
- Żornaczuk T.: [The EU's New Justice and Home Affairs Programme: An Opportunity to Restore the Foundations](#), "PISM Bulletin", No. 77(672), 3 June 2014.

European Parliament elections 2014

- Berge van den. M.: [The 2014 EP election campaign in the member states: national debates, european elections](#), "Tepsa report", Trans European Policy Studies Association, 4 June 2014.
- Gros D.: [Europe is still standing](#), "CEPS Commentaries", Centre for European Policy Studies, 06.06.2014.
- Hawkins O., Miller V.: [European Parliament Elections 2014](#), "Research paper", no 14/32, House of Commons, 11.06.2014.
- Incerti M.: [Never mind the Spitzenkandidaten: It's all about politics](#), "CEPS Commentaries", Centre for European Policy Studies, 06.06.2014.
- Miller V.: [The European Conservatives and Reformists in the European Parliament](#), "Commons Library Standard Note", House of Commons, 16.06.2014.
- Piedrafita S., Lannoo K.: [The new European Parliament: Workable but impaired?](#), "CEPS Commentaries", Centre for European Policy Studies, 27.06.2014.
- Salo S.: [Eurosceptics in the 2014 EP Elections: Protest parties mobilized on national cleavages between globalization winners and losers](#), "FIIA Briefing Paper", no.159, Finnish Institute of International Affairs, June 2014.

More publications' review:
[Biuletyn OIDE on-line](#)



European Information and Documentation Centre of the Sejm Library supports parliamentarians in searching for European documents and information as well as provides information on all aspects of the Sejm's activities relating to Poland's membership of the EU.

OIDE editorial team: Danuta Adamiec, Justyna Branna, Natalia Firlej, Daniela Kupis, Angelina Tazuszel, Regina Wąsowicz (editor)

Contact: tel.: 22 694 15 96, 22 694 20 97, e-mail: oide@sejm.gov.pl

© Kancelaria Sejmu 2014