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EUROPEAN DEBATES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEJM

On **11 May 2017** the Sejm adopted the [resolution](#) on declaring the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the electricity market (recast) (COM(2016) 861) to be incompatible with the subsidiarity principle (with reasoned opinion).

EU DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In **May 2017** the **EU Affairs Committee (SUE)** held 6 meetings: no. 128-133. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 82 EU documents:
 - pursuant to Art. 7(4) of the Cooperation Act – 7 EU draft legislative acts concerning i.a.: empowering competition authorities of the Member States to be more effective enforcers; use of the Schengen Information System (SIS) for the return of illegally staying third country nationals and management, conservation; control measures applicable in the Convention Area of SPRFMO,
 - pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act – 28 EC documents (8 communications, 18 reports, 2 joint reports) concerning i.a.: implementation of the third Programme of Community action in the field of health in 2014; 2017 EU Justice Scoreboard; implementation of the ecological focus area obligation under the green direct payment scheme,
 - pursuant to Art. 11(1) of the Cooperation Act – EU documents, which were to be discussed by: General Affairs Council, Foreign affairs Council, Agriculture and Fisheries Council, Economic and Financial Affairs Council, Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council, Competitiveness Council, Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council,
 - pursuant to Art. 8(2) of the Cooperation Act – 19 EU draft legal acts concerning i.a.: EU/US bilateral agreement on prudential measures regarding insurance and reinsurance; mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund following an application from Finland; Council implementing decision authorising the Italian Republic to apply a special measure derogating from Articles 206 and 226 of Directive 2006/112/EC on the common system of value added tax,
- scrutinized information on the Foreign Affairs Council meeting planned for 15 May 2017 (presented by Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Renara Szczęch) (mtg no. 129),
- scrutinized information on the European Court of Auditors' 2016 activity report (presented by the member of the European Court of Auditors Janusz Wojciechowski) (mtg no. 133).

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,
- **10.05.2017**, mtg. 128 - the first reading of the Committee draft resolution containing reasoned opinion,

Sejm:

- **11.05.2017**, 41st sitting - adoption of the resolution on declaring the proposal to be incompatible with the subsidiarity principle ([resolution with reasoned opinion](#)),
- **11.05.2017** - transmission of the resolution to the Presidents of the EP, Council and European Commission.

In **May 2017** information on and documents of SUE meetings no. 128-132,, 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**Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, Environmental Protection, Natural Resources and Forestry Committee**

- **25.05.2017**, heard the information presented by Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation, Anna Moskwa and Deputy Director of the Department of Nature Protection at the Ministry of the Environment, Agnieszka Dalbiak on EU water and environmental subsidies for owners of fish farms, taking into account the issue of the withdrawal of EU support for carp farmers (mtg no. 146);

Agriculture and Rural Development Committee

- **11.05.2017**, heard the information presented by Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ryszard Zarudzki on the deadline for the closure of direct payments for 2016 and preparing the IT system to distribute payments for 2017 (mtg no. 142).

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW – UST DATABASE**In May 2017**

- the following **bill** implementing EU law **has been referred** to the first reading [paper no.]:
 - Government bill on water law [\[1529\]](#),
- the following **act** implementing EU law **has been published** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 7 April 2017 on working time on inland waterway vessels [\[1321\]](#).

SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

Subsidiarity scrutiny in May (Information from IPEX database as of 06.06.2017)			
Draft legislative act	Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny	Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion	Chamber / parliament (country)
COM(2016) 861*	17.05.2017	09.05.2017 / -	Federal Council (Austria)
		27.04.2017 / 04.05.2017	Senat (Poland)
		16.05.2017 / -	Senate (France)
		03.05.2017 / -	National Assembly (Hungary)
		11.05.2017 / 11.05.2017	Sejm (Polska)
		10.05.2017 / -	Senate (Romania)
		09.05.2017 / -	Chamber of Deputies (Romania)
COM(2016) 864	09.05.2017	27.04.2017 / 05.04.2017	Senat (Poland)
		09.05.2017 / -	Federal Council (Austria)
		03.05.2017 / -	National Assembly (Hungary)

In **May 2017**, 17 draft legislative acts were subject to subsidiarity scrutiny. As of 6 June 2017, the national parliaments submitted 10 reasoned opinions on the non-compliance of the scrutinised draft acts with the subsidiarity principle.

* In April 2017 reasoned opinions to the document COM(2016) 861 were submitted - see the previous *Bulletin OIDE – April 2017*.

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

28-30 May 2017, [Valletta, LVII COSAC](#)

- Session I - Reflections on the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU, debate
- Session II - The role of national Parliaments in the future EU, debate
- Session III - Outcome of the UK Referendum – state of play, debate
- Session IV - Expanding the blue economy – towards a more sustainable EU integrated maritime policy, debate
- Session V - Migration – Combating human smuggling and trafficking and establishing a humane and effective return and readmission policy, debate

21-23 May 2017, Bratislava, [Meeting of the European Affairs Committees of the Visegrad Group countries](#)

- Session I - Dual standards of food quality in EU member states
- Session II - Future of the European Union
- Session III - The topics of the upcoming plenary meeting of the LVII COSAC, 28-30 May 2017, Valletta

13 May 2017, Rome, [Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly – Union for the Mediterranean \(PA-UfM\)](#)

- Speeches and debate
- Presentation of UfM activities
- Consideration and adoption of draft recommendations and proposals of Committees and Working Groups

12 May 2017, Rome, [Summit of Presidents of the Union for the Mediterranean Parliaments](#)

- Employment, Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development in the Euromediterranean Region
 - Contributions from the Speakers of Parliaments of the Parliamentary Assembly - Union for the Mediterranean
 - Adoption of the Declaration of the 4th Summit of Speakers

11 May 2017, Brussels, [Exchange of views European Parliament - National Parliaments - Civil Society on Comprehensive Assessment of EU Security Policy](#)

- Contributions: from national parliaments, from civil society
- General Q&A session with participation of members of national Parliaments and the European Parliament
- Intervention by Julian KING, Commissioner for Security Union

7-8 May 2017, Żelazowa Wola, Sochaczew, [Meeting of the Committees on European Affairs of the National Parliaments of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland](#)

- Commission Energy Winter Package – exchange of views
- Reform of the European Asylum System – exchange of views
- The planned reform of the EU and the role of the national parliaments

2 May 2017, Brussels, [Interparliamentary Committee Meeting: The implementation of the Treaty provisions concerning national Parliaments](#)

- Presentation of a document "The implementation of the Treaty provisions concerning national Parliaments"
- Implementation of the Treaty provisions concerning national Parliaments
 - Debate

- Presentations from experts: interparliamentary cooperation at EU level, subsidiarity and national parliaments, political structured dialogue and national parliaments

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LATEST DEBATES - COMMENTS

Selected articles on the current political and economic issues in the EU from the specialist periodicals available on-line (accessed 05.06.2017)

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- Claeys G., Efstathiou K.: [Is the recent increase in long-term interest rates a threat to euro-area recovery?](#), „Policy Contribution”, Bruegel, 29.05.2017.
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- [EU Coalition Explorer. Results of the EU28 Survey on coalition building in the European Union](#), European Council on Foreign Relations(ECFR), 22.05.2017.
- Fernandes S. (i.in): [Making Social Europe a Reality for European Citizens](#), „Tribune”, Notre Europe - The Jacques Delors Institute, 31.05.2017.
- Foret F.: [How the European External Action Service Deals with Religion through Religious Freedom](#), „CEPOB - College of Europe Policy Brief series”, College of Europe, May 2017.

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