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EUROPEAN DEBATES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEJM

27 October 2017 - the Sejm accepted the information on the Republic of Poland's participation in the activities of the European Union in January-June 2017, during the Maltese Presidency of the EU Council - [resolution](#).
12 October 2017 - the information was debated in plenary on, with participation of the Secretary of State in Foreign Affairs Ministry, Konrad Szymański ([verbatim record/PL](#), p. 21).

DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In **October 2017 the EU Affairs Committee (SUE)** held 8 meetings: no. 154-161. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 65 EU documents:
 - pursuant to Art. 7(4) of the Cooperation Act – 4 EU draft legislative acts concerning i.a.: combating fraud and counterfeiting of non-cash means of payment; the European citizens' initiative,
 - pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act – 21 EC documents (5 communications, 12 reports, 1 joint report, 1 proposal for directive and 1 reflection paper), concerning i.a.: Join Report on the Implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy Review; the future of European defence; relations between the European Commission and national Parliaments,
 - pursuant to Art. 11(1) of the Cooperation Act – EU documents, which were to be discussed by: Environment Council, Justice and Home Affairs Council, Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council, General Affairs Council, Economic and Financial Affairs Council,
 - pursuant to Art. 8(2) of the Cooperation Act – 18 EU draft legal acts concerning i.a.: fixing for 2018 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea; the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Council of Europe Convention on the manipulation of sports competitions with regard to matters not related to substantive criminal law and judicial cooperation in criminal matters,
- considered, pursuant to Art. 18(4) of the Cooperation Act, information on legislative proceedings relating to the implementation of EU directives for which the transposition deadline has expired or will expire within the next three months (as of 24.08.2017) - continuation, presented by Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Energy Michał Kurtyka (mtg no. 155),
- considered, pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act, the Government information concerning the Foreign Affairs Council meeting and the European Council meeting (mtg no. 157),
- considered, pursuant to Art. 3(1) of the Cooperation Act – the information for the Sejm and the Senate on the Republic of Poland's participation in the activities of the European Union in January-June 2017 (Maltese Presidency of the Council of European Union) (mtg no. 156) and the amendment tabled during the second reading to draft resolution on the subject (mtg no. 161),

- heard the information on the so called "winter package" (innovations in the mining and energy sector - opportunities and challenges in the context of the development of the Polish economy), presented by Secretary of State in the Ministry of Development Jerzy Kwieciński, MEP Jerzy Buzek and experts in energy and mining, and adopted desideratum addressed to the President of the Council of Ministers regarding support for action conducive to the modification of the regulations unfavourable for Poland in the new energy package "Clean Energy for all Europeans" proposed by the European Commission (meeting outside the precincts of the Sejm in Katowice, no 158),
- examined and adopted opinion for the Public Finance Committee on the draft budget act for 2018 (budget parts 23, 83, 84).

SUE together with the Foreign Affairs Committee:

- held the first reading of the Government bill on ratification of the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Cuba, of the other part, drawn up in Brussels, on 12 December 2016 (mtg no. 159).

In October 2017 information on and documents of SUE meetings no. 154-161, 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

Digitalisation, Innovation and New Technologies Committee

- **12.10.2017**, considered the information presented by Minister of Digitization, Anna Streżyńska, about the EC Horizon 2020 work programme and the work of ECSO (European Cyber Security Organisation) (mtg no. 71);

Economy and Development Committee

- **11.10.2017**, heard the information presented by Undersecretary of State in Ministry of Finance, Leszek Skiba on the impact of Poland's accession to the euro zone on the state of the Polish economy (mtg no. 86);

National Defense Committee and Foreign Affairs Committee

- **12.10.2017**, heard the information presented by Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Defense, Tomasz Szatkowski, and Undersecretary of State in the Foreign Affairs Ministry, Bartosz Cichocki, on the Common Security and Defense Policy and the Common Foreign and Security Policy (mtg NDC no. 70, mtg FAC no. 80);

Agriculture and Rural Development Committee

- **10.10.2017**, heard the information presented by Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ryszard Zarudzki, and a member of the European Court of Auditors, Janusz Wojciechowski on EU support programs addressed to Polish young farmers in 2004-2017 (mtg no. 178);

Foreign Affairs Committee

- **26.10.2017**, heard the information presented by the Under Secretary of State at the Foreign Ministry, Bartosz Cichocki, on preparations for the 5th Eastern Partnership Summit in Brussels (mtg no. 89);
- **11.10.2017**, heard the information presented by the Undersecretary of State in the Foreign Ministry, Joanna Wronecka, on the future of the Weimar Triangle (mtg no. 79).

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW - UST DATABASE

In October 2017

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

- Government bill amending the Act - Code of Criminal Procedure and some other acts [\[1931\]](#),

the following **act** implementing EU law **has been published** [paper no.]:

- Act of 15 October 2017 amending the act - Environmental law and some other acts [\[1931\]](#) .

SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

| Subsidiarity scrutiny in October (Information from IPEX database as of 02.11.2017) | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Draft legislative act | Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny | Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion | Chamber / parliament (country) |
| COM(2017) 331 | 16.10.2017 | 11.10.2017/ 11.10.2017 | Riksdag (Sweden) |

In **October 2017**, 16 draft legislative acts were subject to subsidiarity scrutiny. As of 2 November 2017, the national parliaments submitted 1 reasoned opinion on the non-compliance of the scrutinised draft act with the subsidiarity principle.

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

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

30-31 October 2017, Tallin, [Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union](#)

- Meetings of the political groups
- Opening session
- Session I: The future of the EMU. The Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance and the EU legal framework - exchange of views among the participants
- Session II: National reforms, financial assistance and investment programmes: objectives, performance, outcome and perspectives - exchange of views among the participants
- Session III: Collecting taxes efficiently - exchange of views among the participants
- Session IV: EU in change: challenges for the EU budget - exchange of views among the participants
- Closing remarks

11 October 2017, Brussels, [Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on "The future of Europe: perspectives on the European Parliament's proposals and the Commission white paper"](#)

- Opening remarks
- Deepening the Economic and Monetary Union, the future of EU finances, the social dimension - debate
- The future of European defence and harnessing globalisation - debate
- Closing remarks

10 October 2017, Brussels, [Interparliamentary Meeting - exchange of views with EU National Parliaments on Country Specific Recommendations and Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base](#)

- Presentation by the rapporteur of the draft report on economic policies in the Euro area
- Discussion on the report including a debate on the economic policies in the Euro area
- Wrap-up remarks by rapporteur
- Presentation of the report on the common corporate tax base and of the report on the common consolidated corporate tax base
- Discussion on the reports
- Wrap-up remarks by rapporteurs

9-10 October 2017, Brussels, [Constituent meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol \(JPSG\)](#)

- Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs
- Key note speeches
- Implementing Article 51 of the Europol Regulation
- JPSG Rules of Procedure: presentation of draft by the Co-Chairs and exchange of views
- The EU policy cycle 2014-2017 and 2018-2021
- Europol Multiannual Programming
- JPSG Rules of Procedure: exchange of views and adoption

1-2 October 2017, Vilnius/Klaipėda, Meeting of the of the EU Affairs Committees of the parliaments of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland

- Exchange of views on the draft programme of the LVIII COSAC
- Exchange of views on the financing of North-South Axis infrastructure projects from the EU funds not allocated on a national basis within the MFF
- Exchange of views on the European Commission legislative initiatives: Europe on the move

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

NEW ON THE OIDE WEBSITE:

Following sections have been updated:

OIDE Notes: [Energy union](#); [Transparency of the legislative process in the Council - European Ombudsman inquiry](#); [European Public Prosecutor's Office](#); [Brexit - documents](#); [Rule of law compliance mechanisms in the European Union](#); [European Citizens' Initiative - revision of regulation](#); [EU Strategic Framework on Human Rights and Democracy](#); [CSDP - calendarium](#)

Bibliographies: [BREXIT – selected publications \(since 2016\)](#)

Resolutions of the Sejm on EU Affairs: [Resolutions of the Sejm - 8th term](#)

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Important Parliamentary Debates: [Debate on the state of the Union and Commission's work programmes](#)

Law: [Statutes on Ratification - 8th term](#)

LATEST DEBATES - COMMENTS

Selected articles on the current political and economic issues in the EU from the specialist periodicals available on-line (accessed 03.11.2017)

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- Grycuk A., Russel P.: *Członkostwo w Unii Europejskiej a rozwój gospodarczy Polski. Wybrane zagadnienia*, „INFOS Zagadnienia społeczno-gospodarcze" nr 12(235), Biuro Analiz Sejmowych, 25.10.2017.
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- Mik C.: *Opinia na temat komunikatu Komisji Europejskiej zatytułowanego Biała księga w sprawie przyszłości Europy. Refleksje i scenariusze dla UE-27 do 2025 [COM(2017) 2025 final]*, „Zeszyty Prawnicze Biura Analiz Sejmowych" 2017, nr 2(54), s. 73.
- Bond I.: *EU enlargement: Door half open or door half shut?*, „Policy insight", Centre for European Reform, 09.10.2017.
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