

**RESOLUTION**  
**of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland**  
**of 23 March 2017**  
**marking the 60th anniversary of the initiation of the European integration**  
**process**

60 years ago, the European Economic Community was founded, which initiated the European integration process. Thus, the idea of the outstanding European politicians: Konrad Adenauer, Alcide De Gasperi and Robert Schuman came to fruition. Invoking the traditions of Christian Europe, they strove for cooperation between states to be based upon the principles of freedom, equality and solidarity-based cooperation. The EEC was intended also as a barrage against the totalitarian ideology of communism and cold-war expansion plans of the Soviet Union. For the next 60 years, further steps of integration have been taken. Once the Yalta division of Europe was rejected, states that had remained under Soviet domination for half a century were also included in the integration process. It was only then that the political division of Europe could be overcome, and a new challenge for further cooperation arose – overcoming economic and social disproportions.

In 2004, independent Poland joined the European Union, the organisation which succeeded the EEC. Back then, a vast majority of Poles were in favour of participating in further steps of integration: abolishing internal borders, common market of goods and services, expanding the Union by admitting new states, but also in favour of retaining the right to independence in decision-making with respect to internal affairs as well as nurturing own national and cultural identity. Nowadays, the Republic of Poland remains a sovereign and democratic state, which participates in all efforts to strengthen cooperation, reduce economic divisions, increase the living standard of citizens and show solidarity in the face of threats.

The Sejm of the Republic of Poland recognises the 60 years of efforts to deepen cooperation between the Member States of the European Union, which Poland has also been sharing for the last 13 years. At the same time, the Sejm of the Republic of Poland identifies the urgent need for internal reforms of the European Union which will resolve the current crisis caused by the UK's exit from the Union, the security threats resulting from the aggression against Ukraine, the flow of refugees from other continents and the

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wave of terrorist attacks. The Sejm of the Republic of Poland unequivocally opposes the concepts of various paces of further integration, which would lead to dismantling the Union. The Sejm of the Republic of Poland is in favour of changes that will strengthen unity and solidarity within the Union, halt the sovereignty-limiting processes and ensure the equal treatment of all the Member States, whilst maintaining the full diversity of their traditions and cultures.

MARSHAL OF THE SEJM

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