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EUROPEAN DEBATES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEJM

On **13 April 2016** the Sejm adopted the [resolution](#) on declaring the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 96/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 1996 concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services (COM(2016) 128) to be incompatible with the subsidiarity principle (reasoned opinion).

On **1 April 2016** the Sejm adopted the [resolution](#) on Poland's immigration policy.

EU DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In **April 2016** the **EU Affairs Committee (SUE)** held 7 meetings: no. 43-49. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 59 EU documents:
 - pursuant to Art. 7(4) of the Cooperation Act – 11 EU draft legislative acts concerning i.a. new instrument to provide emergency support within the Union, posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services or conservation of fishery resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures,
 - pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act – 25 documents (16 EC reports, 6 EC communications and 3 Council implementing decisions) concerning i.a. relocation and resettlement, steel or the activities of the European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters,
 - pursuant to Art. 11(1) of the Cooperation Act – EU documents, which were to be discussed by Justice and Home Affairs Council,
 - pursuant to Art. 8(2) of the Cooperation Act – 15 EU draft legal acts concerning i.a. the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EU and the Cook Islands or signing of the Paris Agreement on climate change,
- together with Public Finance Committee and Economy and Development Committee heard information on:
 - Convergence Programme and National Reform Programme prepared by Poland due to the implementation of European Semester in 2016, presented by Jadwiga Emilewicz, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Development and Leszek Skiba, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Finance,
 - EC communication 2016 European Semester: Assessment of progress on structural reforms, prevention and correction of macroeconomic imbalances, and results of in-depth reviews under Regulation (EU) No 1176/2011 (COM(2016) 95) and the Government's position referring to it, presented by Jadwiga Emilewicz, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Development.

SUBSIDIARITY SCRUTINY

COM(2016) 128 – deadline for scrutiny: 10.05.2016

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 96/71/EC of The European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 1996 concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services

SUE:

- 30.03.2016, mtg. 40 – opinion no. 40 on the non-compliance with the subsidiarity principle,
- 12.04.2016, mtg. 43 – the Committee draft resolution containing reasoned opinion (paper no. 410),
- 13.04.2016, mtg. 45 – the first reading of the Committee draft resolution containing reasoned opinion,

Sejm:

- 13.04.2016, 16th sitting – adoption of the resolution on declaring the proposal COM(2016) 128 to be incompatible with the subsidiarity principle (reasoned opinion),
- 20.04.2016 – transmission of the resolution to the presidents of the EP, Council and European Commission.

In **April 2016** information on and documents of SUE meetings no. 43-46, 48 and 49, 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

Digital Affairs, Innovation and New Technologies Committee

- **20.04.2016**, took note (during off-site meeting in Poznań) of the information on modern technologies and smart specialization in the Regional Operational Programme for Wielkopolskie Voivodeship; considered the information of the President of PARP "How to promote on international markets the Polish technology startups - experience from the preparation of programmes: Promotion of Polish ICT industry and the Polish tech-bridges" (mtg no. 16);

Education, Science and Youth Committee

- **28.04.2016**, considered the information of the Minister of National Education on support for vocational education from European funds under the Operational Programme Knowledge Education Development 2014-2020 (mtg no. 26);

Infrastructure Committee

- **27.04.2016**, considered the information of the Minister of Infrastructure and Construction on the current state of implementation and closing of railway projects under the financial perspective 2007-2013 (mtg no. 17);

Physical Culture and Sport Committee

- **13.04.2016**, considered: the information on the use of EU funds under the financial perspective 2014-2020 for activities in the area of sport and tourism; information on the possible use of EU funds, which can help to achieve or improve skills of sports coaches, trainers and physical education teachers and to develop a two-track careers of sportspersons; information on the implementation of the new directive EP and the Council (EU) 2015/2302 on package travel and linked travel arrangements (mtg no. 21);

Ageing Policy Committee

- **12.04.2016**, heard the information on the state of implementation of the priorities and programmes for the elderly people under the financial perspective 2014-2020 (mtg no. 12);

Social Policy and Family Committee

- **27.04.2016**, held the first reading and considered the Government bill amending some acts in connection with the implementation of the Directive 2014/54/EU on measures facilitating the exercise of rights conferred on workers in the context of freedom of movement for workers, paper no. 431 (mtg no. 20);

Agriculture and Rural Development Committee

- **13.04.2016**, held the first reading of the Government bill amending the act on the financing of the common agricultural policy, paper no. 403 (mtg no. 28).

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW – UST DATABASE

In April 2016

- the following **bills** implementing EU law **have been referred** to the first reading [paper no.]:
 - Government bill amending the act on road transport [459],
 - Government bill amending the act on protection of health against the consequences of using tobacco and tobacco products [432],

- Government bill amending some acts in connection with the implementation of the Directive 2014/54/EU of 16 April 2014 on measures facilitating the exercise of rights conferred on workers in the context of freedom of movement for workers [431],
- Government bill on energy efficiency [426],
- Government bill on the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services [408],
- Government bill amending the act on the financing of the common agricultural policy [403],
- Government bill amending the act on registration and protection of names and designations of agricultural products and foodstuffs and on traditional products and some other acts [385].

More information on acts implementing EU law adopted and published in April 2016 – [Biuletyn OIDE on-line](#)

SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

Subsidiarity scrutiny in April (Information from IPEX database as of 02.05.2016)			
Draft legislative act	Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny	Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion	Chamber / parliament (country)
COM(2016) 053	20.04.2016	- / 19.04.2016	House of Representatives (Malta)
		15.04.2016 / 19.04.2016	Assembly of the Republic (Portugal)
COM(2016) 128	10.05.2016	27.05.2016 / -	Senate (Czech Republic)
		31.03.2016 / -	Chamber of Deputies (Czech Republic)
		13.04.2016 / 20.04.2016	Sejm (Poland)
		13.04.2016 / -	Chamber of Deputies (Romania)

In **April 2016**, 15 draft legislative acts were subject to subsidiarity scrutiny. As of 2 May 2016, the national parliaments submitted 6 reasoned opinions on the non-compliance of the scrutinised draft acts with the subsidiarity principle.

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

* In March 2016 the reasoned opinion was submitted to the document COM(2016) 053 also scrutinised in April – see the previous [Biuletyn OIDE – March 2016](#).

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

26-27 April 2016, Štířín, Meeting of the Presidents of Parliaments of the Visegrád Group countries

6 - 8 April 2016, Hague, Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy (CFSP/CSDP)

3-4 April 2016, Hague, Chairpersons' Meeting on "Energy, Innovation and Circular Economy"

More information on interparliamentary cooperation in April 2016 – [Biuletyn OIDE on-line](#)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

NEW ON THE OIDE WEBSITE

In the section: **EU Documents in the Sejm**
EU Affairs Committee (SUE) on "green" and "red" cards

Following sections have been updated

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

LATEST DEBATES - COMMENTS

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