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EU DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In September 2016 the EU Affairs Committee (SUE) held 8 meetings: no. 73-80. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 95 EU documents:
 - pursuant to Art. 7(4) of the Cooperation Act – 23 EU draft legislative acts concerning i.a. the Union Customs Code, amending regulation establishing an instrument contributing to stability and peace or establishing a Multiannual Framework for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for 2018-2022,
 - pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act – 41 EC documents (31 reports, 4 communications, 2 joint proposals, 2 joint communications and 2 proposals for decisions) concerning i.a. the European Earth monitoring programme (GMES) and its initial operations, the implementation of the EU Strategy and Action Plan for customs risk management or measures to enhance transparency and the fight against tax evasion and avoidance,
 - pursuant to Art. 11(1) of the Cooperation Act – EU documents, which were to be discussed by the Competitiveness Council,
 - pursuant to Art. 8(2) of the Cooperation Act – 28 EU draft legal acts concerning i.a. the allocation of funds decommitted from projects under the 10th European Development Fund for the purpose of replenishing the African Peace Facility, the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2017 or the signing on behalf of EU of the Agreement establishing the EU-LAC International Foundation,
 - pursuant to Art. 10(2) of the Cooperation Act – 1 EU draft legislative act concerning the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office,
- adopted [opinion no. 11](#) on document COM(2008) 426,
- considered 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 25.08.2016), presented by the representatives of appropriate ministries (mtg no. 75),
- together with the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee heard information on important for Poland issues of the agricultural sector in the trade agreement negotiated between the EU and USA, presented by Ryszard Zarudzki, undersecretary of state in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and Jerzy Plewa, Director-General of the EC Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (mtg no. 76),
- held the first reading of Deputies' draft resolution on the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between EU and its Member States and Canada (paper no. 831, mtg no. 78),
- considered Deputies' draft resolution on international agreements TTIP and CETA (paper no. 727, mtg no. 78),
- considered Deputies' draft resolution on the opposition to the proposed by EC procedure of ratification of the agreement between EU and Canada – CETA without the approval of the Member States (paper no. 728, mtg no. 78),
- adopted positive opinion on the candidatures for the positions of members of the EU Committee of Regions for 2015-2020 - addition to the composition ([opinion no. 12](#), mtg no. 79),
- adopted draft resolution on the proposal for establishment of an EU correction mechanism for the allocation of refugees and financial solidarity mechanism (mtg no. 79),
- together with Foreign Affairs Committee held the first reading of Government's bill on the ratification of Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the EU and its Member States and the Republic of Kazakhstan, done at Astan 21.12.2015 (paper no. 817, mtg no. 80).

SUBSIDIARITY SCRUTINY

[COM\(2016\) 270](#) – deadline for scrutiny 27.10.2016

Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the criteria and mechanisms for determining the Member State responsible for examining an application for international protection lodged in one of the Member States by a third-country national or a stateless person (recast)

SUE:

- **22.09.2016**, mtg. 79 - [opinion no. 13](#) on the non-compliance with the subsidiarity principle

In **September 2016** information on and documents of SUE meetings no. 73, 74 and 77-79, 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

- **05.09.2016**, considered and adopted the reply of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development to the desideratum no. 3 on taking actions and obliging the EU institutions to solve the current, critical situation in the milk and pig meat sectors in Poland and on the whole European market (mtg no. 64);

Ageing Policy Committee

- **05.09.2016**, heard the information of the Minister of Development on including the needs of elderly people in a proposal for Responsible Development Strategy, National Urban Policy 2023, revitalization programmes and operational programmes for 2014-2020 (mtg no. 20);

Public Finances Committee

- **05.09.2016**, considered resolution of the Senate concerning the act on particular principles for settlement of goods and services tax and reimbursing public funds allocated for the realisation by the local government units of projects financed with the participation of EFTA Member States or the European Union budgets, paper no. 780 (mtg no. 99).

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW – UST DATABASE

In September 2016

- the following **bills** implementing EU law **have been referred** to the first reading [paper no.]:
 - Government bill amending the act on excise duty [\[849\]](#),
 - Government bill amending the act on rail transport and some other acts [\[840\]](#),
- the following **act** implementing EU law **has been published** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 5 September 2016 on trust services and electronic identification [\[713\]](#).

SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

Subsidiarity scrutiny in September (Information from IPEX database as of 03.10.2016)			
Draft legislative act	Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny	Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion	Chamber / parliament (country)
COM(2016) 378 *	22.09.2016	15.09.2016 / -	National Assembly (Bulgaria)
		01.09.2016	Chamber of Deputies (Czech Republic)
COM(2016) 270	27.10.2016	22.09.2016	Chamber of Deputies (Czech Republic)
		13.06.2016 / 06.09.2016	National Assembly (Hungary)

		27.09.2016 / -	Chamber of Deputies (Romania)
		13.09.2016	National Assembly (Slovakia)

In **September 2016**, 39 draft legislative acts were subject to subsidiarity scrutiny. As of 3 October 2016, the national parliaments submitted 6 reasoned opinions on the non-compliance of the scrutinised draft acts with the subsidiarity principle.

* In September 2016 to the documents COM(2016) 283 and COM(2016) 378 reasoned opinions were submitted - see the previous [Biuletyn OIDE – August 2016](#).

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INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

10-11 July 2016, Bratislava, [Meeting of the Chairpersons of COSAC](#)

28 September 2016, Brussels, [Meeting of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs of the EP with the participation of representatives of national parliaments](#)

9 September 2016, Tallinn, [Meeting of the of the Committees on European Affairs of the Parliaments of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland](#)

7-8 September 2016, Brussels, [Interinstitutional Conference with National Parliaments on the Future Financing of the EU](#)

2-4 September 2016, Bratislava, [Interparliamentary Conference for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and the Common Security and Defence Policy \(CFSP/CSDP\)](#)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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European Pillar of Social Rights

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[Bibliographies](#): The national parliaments' position in the EU under the Lisbon Treaty, National parliaments in the EU - since 2015, EU accession to the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, EU institutional system and law, BREXIT - selected publications (since 2016)

LATEST DEBATES - COMMENTS

Selected articles on the current political and economic issues in the EU from the specialist periodicals available on-line (accessed 06.10.2016)

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