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EU DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In November 2013 the EU Affairs Committee (SUE) held 8 meetings: 198-205. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 60 EU documents,
- heard information on Association Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, on the one part, and Ukraine, on the other part (mtg no. 199),
- together with Economic Committee and Environmental Protection, Natural Resources and Forestry Committee heard information on Poland's position for the UN Climate Conference (COP 19) and Poland's position on European climate policy goals until 2030, presented by Minister of Environment Marcin Korolec and Undersecretary of State in ME Beata Jaczewska (mtg no. 201),
- heard information on the annual report of the European Court of Auditors on the implementation of the EU budget in 2012, presented by the member of ECA Augustyn Kubik (mtg no. 203).

In November 2013 information and documents on SUE meetings no. 192-196, 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

Social Policy and Family Committee

- **06.11.2013**, heard the information on the national operational programme of the European Social Fund for the period 2014-2020 (mtg no.130);

Agriculture and Rural Development Committee

- **06.11.2013**, considered: the information of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) on Poland's involvement in activities of the Agriculture and Fisheries Council in October 2013; the information of the ARD Minister on the implementation of innovations in agriculture in period 2007-2013; the information of the ARD Minister on proposals on innovation in agriculture, included in the legislative package on CAP 2014-2020 (mtg no. 150);
- **07.11.2013**, heard (under the procedure specified in Article 157 of the Standing Orders of the Sejm) the information of the Minister of Health and ARD Minister on the state of negotiations on the draft tobacco directive; considered the information of the ARD Minister on the state of preparations for implementation of direct payments for 2013, the type of payments and the amount of financial aid (mtg no. 151);

Administration and Digitization Committee

- **21.11.2013**, heard the information on consolidation trends in the telecommunication market in Poland in the context of the implementation of the Digital Agenda for Europe and investments in the Next Generation Networks (mtg no. 50).

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW – UST DATABASE

In November 2013

- the following **acts** implementing EU law have been **adopted** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 22 November 2013 amending the act on manufacturing and bottling of wine products, trade of those products and market organisation [1793],
 - Act of 22 November 2013 amending the act on the protection of animal health and combating infectious animal diseases and some other acts [1698],
 - Act of 8 November 2013 amending some acts concerning the implementation of the Electronic Information Exchange System in the field of Social Security Information on Polish territory [1795],
 - Act of 8 November 2013 amending the act on public finances and some other acts [1789],
 - Act of 8 November 2013 on aliens [1526].
- the following **acts** implementing EU law have been **published** [paper no.]:
 - Act of 23 October 2013 amending some acts concerning the conditions of accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union [1831],
 - Act of 11 October 2013 amending the act on mutual assistance for the recovery of taxes, duties and other receivables [1490].

SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

Subsidiarity scrutiny in November – reasoned opinions (Information from IPEX database as of 3.12.2013)			
Draft legislative act	Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny	Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion	Chamber / parliament (country)
COM(2013) 620	5.11.2013	8.10.2013 / 9.10.2013	Federal Council (Austria)
COM(2013) 627	7.11.2013	6.11.2013 / 6.11.2013	Federal Council (Austria)
		- / 6.11.2013	Oireachtas (Ireland)
		- / 7.11.2013	Chamber of Representatives (Malta)
		- / 7.11.2013	Riksdag (Sweden)
COM(2013) 618	13.11.2013	11.11.2013 / 12.11.2013	House of Commons (United Kingdom)
		11.11.2013 / -	House of Lords (United Kingdom)
COM(2013) 619	13.11.2013	11.11.2013 / 12.11.2013	House of Commons (United Kingdom)
		11.11.2013 / -	House of Lords (United Kingdom)
COM(2013) 550	27.11.2013	26.11.2013 / 26.11.2013	Senate (France)

More information on reasoned opinions and all proposals with deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny in November – [Biuletyn OIDE on-line](#)

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

27-28 November 2013, Vilnius, [Parliaments for democracy: towards more ambitious global cooperation](#), meeting of the chairpersons of the committees on foreign affairs of parliaments of the European Union and the Parliamentary Forum for Democracy

- The European Union Eastern Partnership: towards more ambitious cooperation,

- Democracies in transition: lessons to share.

27 November 2013, Brussels, [The implementation challenges of the future Cohesion Policy: towards productive investment for growth and cohesion through improved synergies between local, national and EU level to deliver the EU 2020 strategy](#), meeting organised by the Committee on Regional Development of the European Parliament

- The future Cohesion Policy - a modernised and result based policy for sustainable growth and jobs in the EU,
- The implementation of the new policy in Member States: what challenges?

24-25 November 2013, Vilnius, [Macro-regional strategies: development and prospects](#), meeting of the chairpersons of the committees on environment protection and the committees on state administration and local authorities

- Significance of the macro-regional strategies in the European Union,
- Environmental dimension of macro-regional strategies,
- Contribution of the EU institutions to the development of macro-regional strategies.

14 November 2013, Brussels, [Towards better spending - models of parliamentary scrutiny of expenditure](#), meeting organised by the Committee on Budgetary Control of the European Parliament

- Expenditure scrutiny models from around the EU,
- Best practice on rules for funds under shared management.

10-11 November 2013, Vilnius, [Employment incentives to implement the Europe 2020 strategy](#), meeting of the chairpersons of the committees on social affairs and labour

- Implementation and development of the EU employment policy guidelines,
- Youth employment and employment initiatives,
- Boosting youth employment.

5 November 2013, Brussels, [The future of European Defence: preparations for the December European Council](#), meeting organised by the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Subcommittee on Security and Defence of the European Parliament

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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In the section [Legal and Systemic Issues](#)

The first review of the Transparency Register

In June 2011 the European Parliament and the European Commission have set up a joint Transparency Register for organizations and individuals involved in the development and implementation of EU policy. After 2 years the register must be reviewed and the findings will be presented at the plenary session of the EP before the end of the year.

LATEST DEBATES – COMMENTS

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