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## EU DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In **November 2017** the **EU Affairs Committee (SUE)** held 8 meetings: no. 162-169. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 112 EU documents:
  - pursuant to Art. 7(4) of the Cooperation Act – 10 EU draft legislative acts concerning i.a.: rail passengers' rights and obligations; a framework for the free flow of non-personal data in the European Union; the rules applicable to the temporary reintroduction of border control at internal borders,
  - pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act – 19 EC documents (4 communications, 13 reports, 1 recommendation and 1 reflection paper), concerning i.a.: tackling illegal content online; monitoring the application of European Union law; follow-up to the Action Plan on VAT,
  - pursuant to Art. 11(1) of the Cooperation Act – EU documents, which were to be discussed by: Justice and Home Affairs Council, Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council, General Affairs Council, Economic and Financial Affairs Council, Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council, Competitiveness Council,
  - pursuant to Art. 8(2) of the Cooperation Act – 17 EU draft legal acts concerning i.a.: European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships; the conclusion of the agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway concerning additional trade preferences in agricultural products,
- 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 meetings and the European Council meeting on 19-20 October 2017 (mtg no. 163),
- adopted opinion, pursuant to Art. 20(2) and Art. 19 of the Cooperation Act, on the candidate for the office of the Advocate General of the Court of Justice of the European Union (2018-2024 term of office, mtg no. 164),
- heard the information on the youth policy of the European Union and its agendas as well as resulting proposals for the implementation of the State strategy towards youth in Poland and the emergence of youth policy, presented by Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of National Education Maciej Kopeć (mtg no. 166),
- examined and adopted an opinion on the bill amending the budget act for 2017, for the Public Finance Committee (budget parts 23, 84).

In **November 2017** information on and documents of SUE meetings no. 163-168, provided by the EU Affairs Committee secretariat, were published in the [EDLS](#) (European Legislative Documents in the Sejm) and [IPEX](#) databases.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW – UST DATABASE

### In November 2017

- the following **bills** implementing EU law **have been referred** to the first reading [paper no.]:
  - Government bill amending the act on the business of insurance and reinsurance and some other acts [2068],
  - Government bill amending the act on the National Court Register and some other acts [2067],
  - Government bill amending the act on the Inspection for Environmental Protection and the act - Environmental law [2066],
  - Government bill amending the act on the tax on goods and services [2056],
  - Government bill amending the act on waste [2014],
  - Government bill amending the act on biocomponents and liquid biofuels and some other acts [1973],
- the following **acts** implementing EU law **have been published** [paper no.]:
  - Act of 12 October 2017 on maritime labour act and some other acts [1833],
  - Act of 12 October 2017 amending the act on management of packaging and packaging waste and some other acts [1730],
  - Act of 29 September 2017 amending the act on supervision of financial market and the act on the business of insurance and reinsurance [1782].

## SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

Subsidiarity scrutiny in November (Information from IPEX database as of 05.012.2017)			
Draft legislative act	Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny	Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion	Chamber / parliament (country)
<a href="#">COM(2017) 477</a>	07.12.2017	27.11.2017 / 27.11.2017	Senate (France)
<a href="#">COM(2017) 495</a>	06.12.2017	27.11.2017 / 27.11.2017	Senate (France)

In **November 2017**, 18 draft legislative acts were subject to subsidiarity scrutiny. As of 5 December 2017, the national parliaments submitted 2 reasoned opinions on the non-compliance of the scrutinised draft act with the subsidiarity principle..

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## INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

### 26-28 November 2017, Tallinn, LVIII COSAC

- Meeting of the Presidential Troika of COSAC
- Meetings of the political groups
- Opening of the meeting, introductory remarks, adoption of the agenda, procedural issues and miscellaneous matters, presentation of the 28th Bi-annual Report of COSAC
- Session I - The future of the European Union, debate
- Session II - Bringing European Union closer to its citizens – what are the best practices of the national parliaments?, debate
- Session III - Digital Single Market – current developments of e-services, debate
- Meeting of COSAC Chairpersons
- Session IV - State of play – building an effective and sustainable Security Union, debate
- Session V - The external dimension of migration – preventing and combating irregular migration, debate
- Adoption of the Contribution and Conclusions of the LVIII COSAC
- Closing remarks

**22 November 2017, Brussels, Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on "The Future of Cohesion Policy post 2020: Opportunities, Challenges and Next Steps"**

- Welcome and introductory remarks
- Launching the debate: The Future of Cohesion Policy post 2020
- Open debate between the Members of the European Parliament and National Parliaments
- Conclusions

**21 November 2017, Brussels, Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on "Implementation of the European Consensus on Development and the Sustainable Development Goals"**

- Opening remarks
- Keynote address by Barbara Pesce-Monteiro, Director of the UN/UNDP Office in Brussels
- The European Consensus on Development: a European response to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in developing countries: introductory remarks, exchange of views
- Perspectives on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals: introductory remarks, exchange of views
- Presentation by Ms. Keit Pentus-Rosimannus MP, Parliament of Estonia (Riigikogu), exchange of views
- Concluding remarks

**21 November 2017, Brussels, Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on "European integration process of the Western Balkans - regional perspective"**

- Opening remarks
- Keynote address by Mr Christian Danielsson, Director-General for Neighbourhood & Enlargement Negotiations, DG NEAR, European Commission
- Introductory remarks by MPs from the Western Balkan countries
- Perspectives of EU integration and the accession process
- Questions and Answers Session I
- Questions and Answers Session II
- Concluding remarks

**21 November 2017, Brussels, Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on "The Istanbul Convention: combating violence against women at national and EU level"**

- Panel 1. The Istanbul Convention in the Member States: ratification and monitoring
- Panel 2. The 4 Ps (Prevention, Protection, Prosecution together with the implementation of integrated Policies) in practice: how member states tackle gender based violence and domestic violence
- Panel 3. The path to the EU accession to the Istanbul Convention

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### NEW ON THE OIDE WEBSITE

**In the section *OIDE Notes*:**

[Dual quality of food products on internal market](#); [EU Youth Policy](#); [Report on the implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy](#); [Review of the decision on the European Parliament composition](#)

**Following sections have been updated:**

*OIDE Notes*: [Brexit - documents](#); [CSDP - calendarium](#); [CSDP - institutional and legal architecture](#); [Eastern Partnership](#); [European Semester - course of coordination cycle at the level of the Union and Poland \(2011-2018\)](#); [Rule of law compliance mechanisms in the European Union](#)

*Bibliographies*: [BREXIT – selected publications \(since 2016\)](#), [National parliaments in the EU - since 2015](#)

### LATEST DEBATES - COMMENTS

*Selected articles on the current political and economic issues in the EU from the specialist periodicals available on-line (accessed 04.12.2017)*

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- Atanassov N.: *The European Ombudsman's activities in 2016*, „W skrócie”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 14.11.2017.
- Bendiek A., Bossong R., Schulze M.: *The EU's Revised Cybersecurity Strategy Half-Hearted Progress on Far-Reaching Challenges*, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, „SWP Comment” 2017/C 47, November 2017.
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