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EUROPEAN DEBATES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEJM

10 May 2018 – the Sejm held the second reading of the draft resolution on the future shape of the cohesion policy in the EU (report of the European Union Affairs Committee, papers no. 2427 and 2484); due to the amendments introduced, draft resolution was returned to the European Union Affairs Committee ([verbatim record/PL](#) point 46).

DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM

In **May 2018** the EU Affairs Committee (SUE) held 6 meetings: no. 200-205. During these meetings the Committee:

- scrutinised 86 EU documents:
 - pursuant to Art. 7(4) of the Cooperation Act – 15 EU draft legislative acts concerning i.a., corporate taxation (COM(2018) 147), digital services tax (COM(2018) 148), Community code on visas (COM(2018) 252),
 - pursuant to Art. 151(1) of the Sejm Standing Orders and Art. 3(2) of the Cooperation Act – 23 EC documents (8 communications, 10 reports, 1 joint communication, 2 joint reports, 1 recommendation and 1 reflection paper) concerning i.a., deepening of the EMU (COM(2017) 291), 2018 European semester (COM(2018) 120), Security Union (COM(2018) 211),
 - pursuant to Art. 11(1) of the Cooperation Act – EU documents, which were to be discussed by Economic and Financial Affairs Council, Competitiveness Council and Justice and Home Affairs Council,
 - pursuant to Art. 8(2) of the Cooperation Act – 21 EU draft legal acts concerning i.a., Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement (COM(2018) 204), European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (COM(2018) 230), access to social protection (COM(2018) 132),
- considered, pursuant to Art. 18(4) of the Cooperation Act, 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 23.02.2018), presented by the representatives of appropriate ministries (mtg no. 200),
- held the first reading and considered the Deputies' draft resolution on the future shape of the cohesion policy in the EU, paper no. 2427 (mtg no. 201),
- scrutinized information on the Foreign Affairs Council meetings (Council configurations: ministers of development and ministers of trade) planned for 22 May 2018 (presented by: Secretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Konrad Szymański and Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology Mariusz Haładyj) (mtg no. 202 and 204),
- considered amendments tabled during the second reading to the draft resolution on the future shape of the cohesion policy in the EU, papers no. 2427 and 2484 (mtg no. 205).

OPINION ADOPTED BY THE SUE (POLITICAL DIALOGUE)

COM(2018) 131

Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Labour Authority

EU Affairs Committee

- 08.05.2018, mtg 201 – [opinion no. 33](#)
- 14.05.2018 – transmission of the opinion to the Presidents of the EP, Council and European Commission in the framework of political dialogue

In **May 2018** information on and documents of SUE meetings no. 200-204, provided by the EU Affairs Committee secretariat, were published in the [EDL-S](#) (European Legislative Documents in the Sejm) and [IPEX](#) databases.

IMPLEMENTATION OF EU LAW - UST DATABASE

In May 2018

- the following **bills** implementing EU law **have been referred** to the first reading [paper no.]:
 - Government bill amending the act on combating unfair competition and some other acts [\[2549\]](#),
 - Government bill amending the act on road transport and some other acts [\[2556\]](#),
- the following acts implementing EU law have been published [paper no.]:
 - Act of 10 May 2018 amending the act on personal data protection [\[2410\]](#),
 - Act of 9 May 2018 on the processing of passenger name record [\[2461\]](#),
 - Act of 22 March 2018 amending the act on Public Collective Transport [\[2286\]](#),
 - Act of 22 March 2018 amending the act on payment services and some other acts [\[2225\]](#).

SUBSIDIARITY CHECK IN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

Subsidiarity scrutiny in May 2018 (Information from IPEX database as of 06.06.2018)			
Draft legislative act	Deadline for subsidiarity scrutiny	Adoption / transmission of reasoned opinion	Chamber / parliament (country)
COM(2018) 131	21.05.2018	16.05.2018 / 17.05.2018	Riksdag (Sweden)
COM(2018) 147	17.05.2018	09.05.2018 / -	Folketing (Denmark)
		22.05.2018 / -	Oireachtas (Ireland)
		16.05.2018 / -	Chamber of Representatives (Malta)
		17.05.2018 / -	Chamber of Representatives (The Netherlands)
COM(2018) 148	17.05.2018	09.05.2018 / -	Folketing (Denmark)
		22.05.2018 / -	Oireachtas (Ireland)

		16.05.2018 / -	Chamber of Representatives (Malta)
		17.05.2018 / -	Chamber of Representatives (The Netherlands)

In **May 2018**, 43 draft legislative acts were subject to subsidiarity scrutiny. As of 6 June 2018, the national parliaments submitted 5 reasoned opinions on the non-compliance of the scrutinised draft acts with the subsidiarity principle (in 4 cases one reasoned opinion concerned two EU draft acts - COM(2018) 147 and COM(2018) 148).

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

INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

20-21 May 2018, Mazmežotne (Latvia), Meeting of the Chairpersons of the EU Affairs Committees of the parliaments of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland

- Opening remarks
- Exchange of views on the draft agenda of the upcoming COSAC plenary meeting
- The next multi-annual financial framework: progressive budget for a more united EU?
- The role and perspective of diaspora
- *Rail Baltica*: implementation progress and possible challenges of the project

15 May 2018, Brussels, Interparliamentary Committee Meeting on "The Implementation of the Data Protection Package. At the eve of its application"

- Opening of the meeting and introductory remarks
- Session I: The Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation – institutional aspects
- Session II: The Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation – impact on the private sector including SMEs
- Session III: The GDPR and technological innovation
- Session IV: The Implementation of the Police Data Protection Directive
- Closing remarks

13-14 May 2018, Sofia, Meeting of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Energy

- Opening of the meeting (welcome address, introductory remarks)
- Session I: Energy infrastructure and secure supply, debate
- Session II: The transition to clean energy in Europe, debate
- Session III: Market integration of the sustainable energy sources, debate
- Ambassadors' Remarks
- Closing remarks

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

NEW ON THE OIDE WEBSITE

In the section OIDE Notes:

[Financial union; Transparency of the legislative process in the Council; Implementation of the digital single market](#)

In the section Bibliographies:

[Debate on the future of the EU](#)

Following sections have been updated:

OIDE Notes: [Brexit - documents](#); [Citizens' consultation on the future of Europe](#); [The EU Justice Scoreboard](#); [EU-Western Balkans strategy](#); [European Parliament on EU's future](#); [European Semester - course of coordination cycle at the level of the Union and Poland \(2011-2018\)](#); [Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027](#); [Rule of law compliance mechanisms in the European Union](#) ; [Task force on Subsidiarity and Proportionality and "Doing Less More Efficiently"](#)

Bibliographies: [BREXIT – selected publications \(since 2016\)](#), [The national parliaments' position in the EU under the Lisbon Treaty](#); [Citizens' consultation on the future of Europe](#)

LATEST DEBATES - COMMENTS

Selected articles on the current political and economic issues in the EU from the specialist periodicals available on-line (accessed 05.06.2018)

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- Biscop S.: *The dangerous geopolitics of Populism, and what NATO and the EU can do about it*, No. 97, May 2018.
- Bond I.: *Trump and Europe: Atlantic hurricane season?*, „CER Bulletin”, Centre for European Reform, June /July 2018, issue 120.
- O'Brennan J.: *EU enlargement to the Western Balkans: towards 2025 & beyond*, The Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA), May 2018.
- Calatozzolo R.: *Procedura budżetowa*, „Noty faktograficzne o UE”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 01.05.2018.
- Ciucci M., Zoppé A.: *Implementation of Country Specific Recommendations under the MIP*, „W skrócie”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 23.05.2018.
- Clare F., Sochacka K.: *Plenary round up - May I*, „W skrócie”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 03.05.2018.
- Cornelia K.: *The EU, a world leader in fighting climate change*, „Briefing” Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 29.05.2018.
- Deslandes J. J. P., Magnus M.: *Completing the Banking Union - Risk Sharing Initiatives and Parallel Risk Reduction Measures*, „Briefing” Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 28.05.2018.
- Dobрева A.: *Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027: Commission Proposal - Initial comparison with the current MFF*, „Briefing” Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 04.05.2018.
- Erbach G.: *Post-2020 reform of the EU Emissions Trading System*, „Briefing” Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 28.05.2018.
- Ferguson C.: *Plenary round-up – Strasbourg, May II 2018*, „W skrócie”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 31.05.2018.
- Gay Jean-Jacques: *Kontrola budżetowa*, „Noty faktograficzne o UE”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 01.05.2018.
- Gros D.: *How Europe should respond to Trump's steel tariffs*, „CEPS Policy brief”, Centre for European Policy Studies, 13.05.2018.
- Grzebieluch B.: *Wydatki Unii*, „Noty faktograficzne o UE”, Biuro Analiz Parlamentu Europejskiego, 01.05.2018.
- Hoogmartens J.: *Between Rome and Sibiu: a trajectory for the new European narrative*, „In European Policy Briefs”, EGMONT – The Royal Institute for International Relations, no. 50, May 2018.

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