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SESSION I

Informing about legislative process, debate and parliamentary heritage
Communication tools of the Sejm and the Senate

REPORTING ABOUT EUROPEAN ACTIVITIES OF THE POLISH SEJM

Information tools of the European Information and
Documentation Centre (OIDE)

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- European information in the Sejm » establishment of the OIDE
- OIDE website (January 2003) – main information tool
 - European activities of the Sejm
 - structuring access to EU sources
 - European materials and background information: review of EU policies, bibliographies, links to specialist periodicals, research centres
- today 3 basic parts: Sejm RP, European Union and Law – twofold approach

EUROPEAN ACTIVITIES OF THE SEJM



- Sejm debates and resolutions in EU matters,
- proceedings on EU documents in the Sejm
 - EDL-S database (with subsidiarity scrutiny)
 - background: description of Sejm procedures, statistics
- interparliamentary cooperation of the Sejm
- implementation of EU law – UST database

BASIC BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- the Sejm procedures for EU documents and subsidiarity scrutiny
- statistics: Sejm's reasoned opinions, political dialogue
- overview of 3 "yellow card" procedure cases - early warning mechanism

“EUROPEAN LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENTS IN THE SEJM” (EDL-S) - ON LINE DATABASE

- Sejm’s scrutiny of EU documents since 2005 (PL/EN)
- about 800 records a year – every record linked to IPEX
- the database gathers information from many Sejm’s databases, adding its own
- a record in EDL-S = a description of the entire course of Sejm proceedings related to a given EU document

EDL-S

EU documents

by EC document number
by EU Council document number
by interinstitutional reference

search

SUE documentation

all opinions
opinions on subsidiarity
opinions in political dialogue
desiderata
draft resolutions
reports

complete records of meetings
expert reports

Resolutions of the Sejm

all resolutions
resolutions on subsidiarity

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY EU INFORMATION EXCHANGE



Documents' database

- EU draft legal acts and other documents (automatic transmission)
- NPs' documents concerning scrutiny of EU documents (reasoned opinions, political dialogue) – every NP is a host of its own part
- OIDE responsible for the Polish Sejm part of IPEX

EUROPEAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION – GENERAL FRAMEWORK

- basic information about the legal frameworks of cooperation: regulations, guidelines (EN/PL)
- calendar of meetings with the Sejm, schedule of the parliamentary presidencies in the EU, link to the IPEX calendar
- Lexicon

POLISH SEJM IN EUROPEAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

- EU multilateral parliamentary cooperation (EUSC, COSAC, IC CFSP/CSDP, IC SECG, European Semester),
- regional cooperation in EU affairs (e.g. the Visegrad Group, the Weimar Triangle, Baltic States).
- current information about meetings (**documents adopted – translated into Polish**)

STATUTES IMPLEMENTING EU LAW – UST

Database run by OIDE

- UST database contains records of Polish statutes and EU legal acts that are mutually linked:
 - description of a bill/statute adopted by the Sejm
 - description of an EU legal act which is implemented by said bill/statute

- additional lists of statutes implementing EU law split by Sejm terms

Biuletyn OIDE

- monthly summary of the Sejm activities resulting from Poland's membership of the European Union (PL/EN)
- list of selected recent publications (mostly on-line)
- published electronically, on the OIDE website (also PDF) / sent to subscribers / in a printed version available in the Sejm Library



SUMMARY

OIDE website – a systemic solution aiming at a comprehensive presentation of the Sejm's European activities in EU integration context:

- website managed by one organisational unit – OIDE division of the Sejm Library
- attempt at presenting full information in structured and, as far as possible, user-friendly manner
- twofold approach – current activities data accompanied by basic background documents and information

Thank you for your attention!