

**Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on
the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council,
the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions
on a monitoring framework for the circular economy
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The Chamber of Deputies:

1. Appreciates the simple and efficient monitoring framework which consolidates and reviews the progress towards a circular economy, reducing at the same time the administrative burden and considers that its structure, as uploaded on the website of the Eurostat agency, largely corresponds to this requirement.
2. Recommends that the webpage of the circular economy indicators should be linked to detailed descriptions of their meaning and to existing interpretative guides or which could be developed for this purpose, by an initiative of the European Commission, in order to facilitate unitary understanding of the indicators by EU Member States.
3. Expresses its retention on the relevance of the indicator referring to the number of patents issued in connection with recycling and secondary raw materials, because it is not able to highlight the results of practical implementation of innovation and it recommends to explore possibilities to introduce in its place an indicator which would review eco-innovation and that would refer to the implementation of innovations in the circular economy area, possibly through statistical or voluntary reporting by the involved business sector.
4. Recommends coupling of the circular economy monitoring with the monitoring of EU policies' results of supporting advanced technologies – those relating to reusable energy and space especially – coupling that would be possible by reconfiguring the indicator on innovation or through taking over the circular economy indicators in reports on EU policies in these fields.