



Parlamentul României Senat

Bucharest, July 1, 2020

Courtesy translation

OPINION of the SENATE of ROMANIA

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 Bringing nature back into our lives COM(2020) 380 final

The Romanian Senate examined the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030. Bringing nature back into our lives – COM (2020)380 final, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no. 1).

Taking into account the report of June 26, 2020 of the Committee for European Affairs, **the Plenum of the Senate**, during its session of June 30, 2020

1. Welcomes the adoption of this strategy as positive and timely.
2. Considers that:
 - a) the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 represents an integral part of the overall framework set by the European Green Deal and can make an important contribution to the process of Europe's economic and social recovery from the COVID-19 crisis;
 - b) the commitments proposed in this strategy are ambitious but necessary;
 - c) this Strategy will have limited effect without providing the means and resources necessary for its implementation;
 - d) it is necessary to clarify the implementation of the targets set in this strategy, their proportionality between Member States, as well as their social and economic impact;
 - e) the values of ecosystem services and natural capital should be integrated into synergistic policies, for example the inclusion of environmental aspects in macroeconomic indicators-GDP;
 - f) protecting and restoring biodiversity is the only way to continue and preserve the quality and continuity of human life on Earth and to maintain a global balance.

p. President of the Senate
Robert - Marius CAZANCIUC