



**PARLIAMENT
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**
Chamber of Deputies
Ondřej Benešik
Chairman
Committee on European Affairs

Prague, 9th June 2023

Dear Ms. President,

I would like to inform you about the opinion of the Committee on European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

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 the European Hydrogen Bank /Council Code 7601/23, COM(2023) 156 final/.

The respective document was included in the agenda of the 26th session of the Committee for European Affairs and was scrutinized on 31th May 2023. According to the Rules of Procedure the Deputy Minister of Environment was present at the session to introduce the preliminary Government's Framework Position.

After the hearing of the rapporteur's review and after the discussion the Committee has adopted the **Resolution No. 174 in the context of the Political Dialogue** which is enclosed to this letter.

Yours sincerely

Ms. Ursula von der Leyen
President of the European Commission
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Resolution No. 174

26th Session on 31 May 2023

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Conclusions of the Resolution:

Committee for European Affairs

1. **takes note of** the Communication from the Commission "on the European Hydrogen Bank", /Council Code 7601/23, COM (2023)156 final/;
2. **welcomes** the use of auction mechanisms to support projects in its own territory, but does not agree with the possible transfer of unused funds to projects in other member states;
3. **warns** that the criterion of geographical balance for individual member states and their conditions must be taken into account and that states with lower production potential are not dis-advantaged in the possibility of using financial support;
4. **recommends** to support of the possibility of producing low-carbon hydrogen from nuclear energy;
5. **warns** that the Committee cannot take a position on the matter of importing hydrogen into the EU, as the mechanisms of its operation have not been presented;
6. **supports** the Government's Framework Position of the Czech Republic on this document;
7. **authorizes** the chairman of the Committee on European Affairs to inform about this resolution the President of the European Commission **in the framework of the political dialogue**.