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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 18th session held on 17th October 2018

on the Multiannual Financial Framework for the years 2021 to 2027

on the Communication from the Commission A Modern Budget for a Union that Protects, Empowers and Defends The Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021-2027 (Senate Print No. N133/11; COM(2018) 321)

on the Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027 (Senate Print No. N134/11; COM(2018) 322)

The Senate

- I.**
- 1. Welcomes**
the principles underlying the Proposal for the Multiannual Financial Framework for the period of 2021-2027, in particular the focus on European added value and the results achieved, while respecting the rule of law;
 - 2. Identifies itself**
with the main Union priorities for the years 2021-2027, as well as their financial statements, with the exception of Chapter VII. - the European public administration whose budget the Senate proposes to reduce, and Research and Innovation where the budget should be increased;
 - 3. Requests,**
that the Government substantially reduce its administrative burden and ensure less bureaucracy for the beneficiaries in the programmes for the years 2021-2027, in line with the Commission's Proposals,;
 - 4. Disagrees**
with the EU striving for a total budget increase in view of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU;

5. Strongly disagrees

with a dramatic increase in spending in Chapter VII. - European public administration, which the Senate regards as unjustified in substance and ultimately reinforcing the negative perception of European structures by the European public as an overwhelming and self-serving administrative apparatus;

6. Is of the opinion

that for the further functioning of the EU based on the trust of the European public, it is essential to consistently transform its administration, which will lead to simpler and more efficient processes, and to a substantial reduction in staffing and a reduction in the burden on the beneficiaries;

7. Considers it important

that resources are directed towards areas with real guaranteed returns and sustainable results, such as building the infrastructure or Research, innovation and education;

8. Recommends

to the Government of the Czech Republic to promote, as a key criterion for the distribution of financial resources, the level of relative gross domestic product per capita in terms of states and regions;

9. Endorses the view

of the Government of the Czech Republic, that in order to ensure the appropriate conditions for the implementation of Cohesion Policy Funds, the increased co-financing rate should not be carried by the final beneficiaries, a reduced pre-financing rate should be ensured and the absorption of possible subsidies should be facilitated (e.g. elimination of duplicate checks, excessive formalities);

10. Considers it appropriate,

in line with the Government of the Czech Republic, to promote a greater degree of flexibility in the distribution of funds under Cohesion Policy, development aid and other policies, taking into account the specificities of individual Member States and regions (e.g. drought, climate change impact in general, demographic situation);

11. Requests

that the Government preserve the division of regions into three categories and applies the lowest co-financing rate for the least developed regions and that the Government direct the largest part of Cohesion Policy resources to those regions;

12. Requests

that the Government focus on the consistent implementation of the Cohesion Policy objectives, i.e. to effectively offset the economic, social and territorial disparities in the regions and to support the development of the most disadvantaged regions, in accordance with the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU;

II.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this Resolution was taken into account and about further development of negotiations once the political agreement of the required number of Member States on the main elements of the Proposal is reached, or at an earlier time, should the results of negotiations in the Council begin to depart considerably from the position of the Czech Republic expressed in the General Position of the Government;

2. Authorises

the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission.

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sign manual
President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier