

Reasoned opinion from the Riksdag

The Riksdag has examined whether the Commission's proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Social Climate Fund (COM(2021) 568) conflicts with the principle of subsidiarity. In the opinion of the Riksdag, the part of the proposal concerning direct income support is in conflict with the principle of subsidiarity.

The reasons for the Riksdag's assessment are as follows. The Riksdag is critical of the part of the Commission's proposal concerning direct income support. This income support is intended to help the member states to deal with the social impacts arising from the establishment of a new emissions trading system for road transport and buildings. However, direct income transfers do not necessarily lead to reduced emissions. The climate benefit of the measure can therefore be questioned and the income support cannot therefore be said unequivocally to contribute to the common targets. The Riksdag is also critical of member states being able to choose to link household income to the EU budget, as income transfers are currently something that are primarily decided and implemented at the national level.