

**Decision of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies to adopt the
Opinion on the
Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the
European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions
United in delivering the Energy Union and Climate Action – Setting the foundations for
a successful clean energy transition**

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The Romanian Chamber of Deputies:

1. Supports the European Commission's efforts on the foundations for a successful clean energy transition and takes note of the efforts made by Member States to harmonise the various policies and sectors that contribute to achieving this objective.
2. Stresses the need for educational actions, including extracurricular activities, to ensure the necessary human resource and informed societal support for the development of technologies and for minimizing the social impact of the measures set to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40% by 2030 compared to 1990, in view of this long period, as well as the need to continue efforts beyond this deadline.
3. Recommends adapting the mechanisms of the Horizon Europe programme by supporting and bolstering the latest research findings at the new frontiers of knowledge, in order to help the Union to manage and strengthen its position as a world leader in renewable resources.
4. Recalls the need to establish harmonised assessment methods for estimating the balance of greenhouse gas emissions from land use and forestry, as well as for water courses and lakes in the Union, so as to facilitate the comparison of the results of the plans.
5. Recommends that a separate strategy be drawn up to support micro electricity networks, energy self-consumption and the connection of micro-units to networks, so as to diversify suppliers to reduce the need for interconnection and long-distance transport, to exploit the full potential of renewable energy, and to facilitate coupling and sectoral integration.
6. Considers that further efforts are needed at Union level to address, in an integrated way, measures to support workers affected by the phasing out of charcoal and their families, and that it would be useful to extend support to the affected communities.
7. Recommends stepping up efforts to identify the potential for renewable energy and to ensure the involvement of all categories of stakeholders involved in this research, through actions managed at EU level and through regular consultations with the Member States.
8. Considers that, in order to ensure the resilience of the energy system at Union level, Member States' actions aimed at establishing appropriate links between the final integrated national

energy and climate plans and the emergency plans for oil, gas and electricity should be accompanied by a support programme managed by the European Commission.

9. Manifests the wish to be informed about the European Commission's vision on the contribution of SMEs to the actions aimed at the competitiveness of the Union, also taking into account the objectives set out in the integrated national plans on energy and climate.

10. Stresses the need for an increased level of interdisciplinary knowledge of the expertise involved in the evaluation and monitoring of projects in the action plans for the circular economy, of the proposals under the LIFE programme and of the financing of the "Natura 2000" network, so as to ensure synergy with programmes for financing renewable energy.

11. Recommends that start-ups be financed more courageously and that European support to start-ups be diversified through financial instruments, which go beyond the area of digitalisation.