



SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 24th session held on 29th May 2024

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Securing our future Europe's 2040 climate target and path to climate neutrality by 2050 building a sustainable, just and prosperous society /Senate Print No. K 130/14, COM (2024) 63/

The Senate

I.

1. Got acquainted

with the submitted Communication and takes into account the launch of a broad political debate on steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2040; however, is of the opinion that the Communication is very general and therefore it will be necessary to assess the concrete legislative proposals that will follow on from this Communication in more detail;

2. Perceives

that the Communication has been accompanied by an EU-wide Impact Assessment Report, but agrees with the Government that it is important for the Commission to assess also the impacts, including financial costs, on individual Member States and sectors;

3. Requests the Government

to assign an impact analysis on its own initiative at the level of the Czech Republic in case that the Commission does not submit a thorough Impact Assessment for individual Member States or sectors;

4. Agrees with the Government

that the Commission's recommended target for 2040 of a 90% net greenhouse gas emissions reduction compared to 1990 levels seems to be overly ambitious without the knowledge of the concrete impacts on individual Member States and burden distribution on individual sectors of the economy, and therefore has doubts about its achievability, especially in terms of the possible impacts on the European and also the Czech competitiveness and social cohesion;

- 5. Does not therefore support,**
in accordance with the Government, the recommended target of 90% greenhouse gas emissions reduction as proposed by the Commission and recalls at the same time that the Czech Republic supported a target between 75 – 80% within the public consultation in June 2023;
- 6. Considers it essential**
to primarily find a balance between the adopted climate measures and preservation of a prosperous European economy in order to ensure, maintain and strengthen the competitiveness of European industry and EU businesses, even vis-à-vis third countries that have more liberal environmental legislation;
- 7. Appreciates**
that nuclear energy has been included among the low-carbon technologies which are necessary to achieve decarbonisation targets;
- 8. Requests,**
in accordance with the Government, that the EU financial instruments can be used to the maximum extent for the modernisation and strengthening of the transmission and distribution system in order to minimise the impact of network regulated charges on the final consumer;
- 9. Believes,**
in accordance with the Government, that the potential for a full reduction of the greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture in the Czech Republic is rather limited, especially with regard to the structure of domestic agriculture production; is aware, however, that the agricultural sector must also strive for the greatest possible reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;
- 10. Considers it crucial**
that the transition to climate neutrality is just, i.e. that it takes into account the different conditions and capabilities of the Member States and that it minimises negative social impacts on their citizens;
- 11. Requests,**
in accordance with the Government, that the future target for 2040 be debated at the European Council level and that no conclusions be made before the upcoming elections to the European Parliament and the establishment of the new European Commission;

II.

- 1. Requests** the Government to inform the Senate no later than on 30th September 2024 about the way this Resolution was taken into account and about the further development of negotiations;
- 2. Authorises** the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission.

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