



THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

SENATE

9th TERM

COMMITTEE on EU AFFAIRS

118th RESOLUTION

delivered on the 12th meeting held on 22nd May 2013

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Entry/Exit System (EES) to register entry and exit data of third country nationals crossing the external borders of the Member States of the European Union

Senate Press no. N 039/09

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Registered Traveller Programme

Senate Press no. N 040/09

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 as regards the use of the Entry/Exit System (EES) and the Registered Traveller Programme (RTP)

Senate Press no. N 041/09

Following introductory information by Mr Jaroslav Hruška, First Deputy Minister of Interior, the rapporteur's report by Senator Tomáš Grulich and after a debate

The Committee

I. **Adopts**

a recommendation

- on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Entry/Exit System (EES) to register entry and exit data of third country nationals crossing the external borders of the Member States of the European Union;
- on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Registered Traveller Programme;
- on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 as regards the use of the Entry/Exit System (EES) and the Registered Traveller Programme (RTP),

attached to this Resolution;

II. **Recommends**

that the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic give a statement

- on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Entry/Exit System (EES) to register entry and exit data of third country nationals crossing the external borders of the Member States of the European Union;

- on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Registered Traveller Programme;
 - on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 as regards the use of the Entry/Exit System (EES) and the Registered Traveller Programme (RTP),
- in accordance with the recommendation adopted by the Committee;

III. Appoints

Senator Tomáš Grulich the Committee's rapporteur at the plenary session of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic;

IV. Authorises

the Committee Chairperson Senator Miroslav Krejča to submit this Resolution to the President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic.

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Committee Chairperson

Tomáš Grulich

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Committee Rapporteur

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Committee Verifier

Recommendation to the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing an Entry/Exit System (EES) to register entry and exit data of third country nationals crossing the external borders of the Member States of the European Union

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Registered Traveller Programme

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The Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

I.

Has acquainted itself

with the proposed legal acts introducing the “smart borders system” and appreciates the effort of the Commission to strengthen the security on the EU’s external borders;

II.

1. Endorses

the establishment of an Entry/Exit System (EES), its role in the fight against illegal migration, especially in the framework of reducing the risk of identity fraud and manipulation with travel documents, and facilitation of information sharing among Member States;

2. Deems

it important that the verification of fingerprints in the EES has a systematic nature and is carried out at every crossing of the external border;

3. Points out

the potentially limited contribution of a Registered Traveller Programme (RTP) to the protection of borders, and the fact that the initiative is due to this limited contribution disproportionately costly;

4. Is of the opinion

that lodging applications for access to the RTP should only be allowed in the territory of Member States;

5. Considers

useful to ensure an access on individual basis to both of the proposed systems (EES, RTP) to law enforcement authorities;

III.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account and to provide the Senate with information on the further proceeding of negotiations;

2. Authorises

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