Romanian Parliament
Senate

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# OPINION

**Regarding the *Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 as regards the promotion of Internet connectivity in local communities***

***COM (2016) 589 final***

**The Romanian Senate** examined the ***Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 as regards the promotion of Internet connectivity in local communities*** – **COM (2016) 589 final** – according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no. 2).

Taking into account the report of October, 21, 2016, 2016 of our permanent Committee on European Affairs, **the Plenum of the Senate**, during its session of October, 31, 2016, decided as follows:

1. **This Regulation does not violates principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.**

2. **Within the amending Regulations (EU) No 1316/2013 and (EU) No 283/2014 as regards the promotion of Internet connectivity in local communities the following are noted**:

   a) European Interconnection Mechanism seeks to accelerate investment in trans-European networks and mobilize public sector and private funding, increasing in the mean time the legal certainty and following the principle of technological neutrality.

   b) Promoting interoperability, sustainable deployment, operation and upgrading of trans-European digital service infrastructures, as well as coordination at European level are operational priorities that contribute to the objectives achievement.

c) The efficient flow from private and public investment stimulates development and broadband networks modernization and thus contributes to the Digital Agenda for Europe.

**p. Speaker of the Senate**

**Ioan Chelaru**