Parlamentul României
Senat

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OPINION of the ROMANIAN SENATE
on
REFLECTION PAPER ON HARNESSING GLOBALISATION
COM (2017) 240 final

The Romanian Senate, pursuant to art. 67, art. 148 (2) and (3) of the Romanian Constitution and the Protocol (no. 1) annexed to the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union, ratified by Law no. 13/2008, has examined the **REFLECTION PAPER ON HARNESSING GLOBALISATION - COM (2017) 315 final.**
Considering the Report of the Committee for European Affairs of 31 January 2018, **the plenum of the Senate,** during its session on 26 February, issued an OPINION, as follows:

1. We find that the diagnosis of the European Commission does not deepen all aspects of globalisation, especially on challenges and deficiency.

2. We highly appreciate if there are identified the best ways, at EU level, to model the effects of globalization to redistribute widely and fairly its benefits in order to increase the visibility of community projects and cooperation advantages in a broad sense.

3. We point out that sometimes the benefits of globalisation go to big companies preferred by community measures, to the detriment of fair redistribution to EU citizens, thus the risks and the welfare conditions are entirely to the Member States.
In addition, as Member States decrease their national fiscal policy margin, they reduce the ability to interfere in the fair redistribution of the benefits of globalisation through robust social and educational policies. Also, the liberalization, deregulation and privatization of public services have led to strengthening the position of the strongest economic players on the market but the unfair distribution of results has increased the economic and social differences between the citizens of the Member States.
Another factor that needs attention is the use of irrelevant national indicators in the context of an internal borderless market that distort the ability to analyze correctly the current state and evolution of the Member States.

4. We ask for further funding of Cohesion Instruments (European Social Fund, Cohesion Fund) and the creation of additional tools to reduce inequalities so as to achieve real cohesion within the EU in order to prevent the negative consequences of the globalisation.

p. President of the Senate

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