



THE SENATE
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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 18th session held on 18th October 2018

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum and Migration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Border Management and Visa Instrument (Senate Print No. N160/11; COM(2018) 375)

The Senate

I.

1. Supports

the pooling of conditions for the funds with shared management, reducing the administrative burden and increasing the flexibility and efficiency of the funds;

2. Appreciates

the modern policy objectives of the Proposal for a Regulation;

3. Requests,

in line with the Government's Position,

a) a simplification of the basic conditions which tighten up the existing system;

b) to maintain a higher degree of generality, i.e. the deletion of some of the proposed chapters of the programming documents in order to maintain the flexibility and discretion in Member States' decision-making in specific areas without the need for approval from the Commission;

4. Requests

to preserve the division of regions into three categories and to apply the lowest co-financing rate for the least developed regions as well as directing the largest part of Cohesion Policy resources to those regions; therefore, the Senate does not support the position of the Czech Government, which proposes the division of regions into only two categories according to the development, since the division into three categories as proposed in the Regulation is more suitable for an even development of the regions in the Czech Republic;

5. Considers it essential

to focus on the consistent implementation of the Cohesion Policy objectives, i.e. to effectively offset the economic, social and territorial disparities in the regions and to support the development of the most disadvantaged regions;

6. Requests

the Government to address the low capacity of some regions to prepare and implement projects that could improve their economic and social situation with the help of European funds;

II.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this Resolution was taken into account and about further development of negotiations once the political agreement of the required number of Member States on the main elements of the Proposal is reached, or at an earlier time, should the results of negotiations in the Council begin to depart considerably from the position of the Czech Republic expressed in the General Position of the Government;

2. Authorises

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

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