



**THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

delivered on the 18th meeting held on 29th February 2012

on the Infrastructure Package

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The Senate

I.

- 1. Supports** the development of a modern and efficient network infrastructure that is crucial for smooth functioning of the EU internal market, harnessing of its potential, strengthening of the EU competitiveness and energy security;
- 2. Understands**, therefore, the European Commission's efforts to channel more funds into the development of the trans-European networks;

II.

- 1. Rejects** the transfer of funds from the Cohesion Fund in favour of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) given the still significant deficit of cohesion states as regards their domestic infrastructure the construction of which is co-financed by the Cohesion Fund;
- 2. Invites** the Commission to consider adjusting the acquis with the aim to simplify and speed up the process of infrastructure projects approvals;
- 3. Supports** using the CEF funds for transport solutions for fuels and energy across the territory and networks of the Czech Republic;
- 4. Rejects** the increase in competences of the European Commission in the implementation of core network corridors, as according to the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU it is the Member States who have the main say in trans-European networks planning;
- 5. Recommends**, therefore, that the role of a European coordinator is limited to cross-border segments only, where its actions shall bring about the biggest European added value;
- 6. Recalls** that the railway standards introduced within the core network should not place increased demands on investment beyond present requirements, especially when it is unclear whether these criteria cover new construction only or also the modernization of existing infrastructure;

- 7. Calls on the government** to promptly submit a mid-term transport infrastructure development strategy, which shall include possible financing sources and which shall respect trans-European transport networks' guidelines;
- 8. Supports** the government in the effort to promote changes to core and comprehensive network maps, relating to the territory of the Czech Republic;
- 9. Is convinced** that the guidelines for trans-European telecommunications network must take into account national strategies of broadband development and electronic government;
- 10. Proposes** that the different level of development of perspective beneficiaries is taken into account in the process of selecting trans-European telecommunication networks, for example in the level of co-financing;
- 11. Demands** that the European Commission specifies in which way digital services of the public sector are to be approximated, while such a harmonization should not in any case raise costs for the public budgets, entrepreneurs and citizens;

III.

- 1. Requests**
the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account and to provide the Senate with further information on the proceeding of negotiations;
- 2. Authorises**
the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission.

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