



THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
12th TERM
COMMITTEE on EU AFFAIRS

163rd RESOLUTION

delivered on the 20th meeting held on 26th May 2020

**on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulation
(EU) 2018/1999 (European Climate Law)**

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Following introductory information from Mr. Vladislav Smrž, Deputy Minister of the Environment, the rapporteur's report by Senator Petr Orel 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 the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 (European Climate Law) 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 the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 (European Climate Law) in accordance with the recommendation adopted by the Committee;

III. Appoints

Senator Petr Orel the Committee's rapporteur at the plenary session of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic;

IV. Authorises

the Committee Chairperson Senator Václav Hampl to submit this Resolution to the President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic.

Václav Hampl

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Committee Chairperson

Petr Orel

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Committee Rapporteur

Hana Žáková

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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 the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 (European Climate Law)

The Senate

I.

1. Agrees

with the setting of a legally binding target to achieve climate neutrality in the EU by 2050;

2. Notes

that the in-depth analysis published in 2018 in support of the Communication Clean Planet for All cannot be considered up to date due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on the economy of the EU Member States;

3. Recalls, in this context,

Point I. 4 of Resolution No. 385 of 30 April 2020 on the Communication from the Commission European Green Deal in which the Senate considered it important that all legislative proposals under the European Green Deal are always accompanied by a detailed impact assessment, including financial costs, if possible not only at EU level but also at the level of individual Member States;

4. Notes

that the Senate will adopt a position on the potential increase of the EU's greenhouse gas emission reductions target for 2030 to 50–55 % only after the Commission publishes comprehensive impact assessment of this potential increase; in this context the Senate invites the Government of the Czech Republic to participate closely;

5. Does not recommend

to empower the Commission to set out a trajectory for achieving climate neutrality by 2050 by delegated acts; the Senate is of the opinion that setting a trajectory is an essential part of the proposal and therefore considers it more appropriate that this issue is addressed directly in the text of the legislative proposal or that the trajectory is set out successively by legislative acts of the European Parliament and Council;

6. Is of the opinion

that the EU should not limit its efforts to achieve climate neutrality by 2050 on the grounds of the current COVID-19 pandemic; the Senate therefore supports that the European Green Deal becomes a fundamental framework for the recovery of the European economy affected by this pandemic;

II.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate no later than on 30th October 2020 about the way this resolution was taken into account and about further development of negotiations;

2. Authorises

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