



Hungarian National Assembly
Committee on European Affairs

Opinion of the Committee on European Affairs

by virtue of Article 145 of Resolution 10/2014 (II.24.) OGY on certain provisions of the Rules of Procedure

concerning the communication on the European Commission Work Programme 2020 [COM(2020) 37, COM(2020) 400]

The Committee

- recalling the exchange of views on the Work Programme with the head of the European Commission Representation in Hungary at the Committee meetings of 9 March 2020 and 3 June 2020;
- considers as a primary objective that the European Union should contribute efficiently to mitigate the repercussions of the serious and immediate COVID-19 pandemic, for which the six headline ambitions of the adjusted European Commission Work Programme provide a good basis, particularly the initiatives related to the green and digital transitions;
- points out that the spread of the virus has been reduced owing to the efforts made first and foremost by EU citizens and the efficient measures taken by the Member States to contain the COVID-19 pandemic;
- welcomes that the adjusted Work Programme urges to draw the lessons from the crisis and prioritizes the recovery of the differently affected economies of Member States;
- strongly believes that a – well-prepared – agreement on the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework and on the so-called Recovery Instrument is of primary interest for the European Union and the Member States as well. The key element of the agreement is the adoption of the Council Decision on the system of Own Resources;
- notes nevertheless that a disproportionate cut is still foreseeable for the post-2020 Cohesion Policy, and furthermore highlights that the Recovery Instrument should be more flexible for the Member States, as well as further negotiations are needed regarding the ratio of the grants and loans, the way of reimbursing the loan and its conditions;
- expresses its hopes that during the negotiations on the new partnership between the European Union and the United Kingdom the EU chief negotiator Michel

Barnier manages to reach progress while maintaining the unity of the Member States;

- stresses that the future Euro-Atlantic integration of the Western-Balkan countries could further consolidate the security and global role of the Europe, as it was emphasized in the communication of the European Commission on Enhancing the accession process – A credible EU perspective;
- as to the Conference on the Future of Europe – while respecting the division of tasks between EU institutions as stipulated by the Founding Treaties – considers indispensable the equal treatment of the Member States as well as the reinforcement of the democratic legitimation, including the direct involvement of the national parliaments in the plenary and steering bodies of the Conference.

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