

Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Central Bank, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Investment Bank

Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy

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The Chamber of Deputies:

- Considers that ageing population and the slowdown in productivity growth require a distinct and priority approach in the new economic agenda of the Union, leading to tangible measures for the population and the economic environment in a wide range of areas, from transport and health to lifelong and non-formal education.
- Underlines that future growth in income and employment in Europe will depend both on increasing productivity and innovation, and on the legal acceptance of new forms of work organisation and new non-formal education and at work solutions.
- Underlines that digital technologies such as artificial intelligence and the Internet of Things emphasise the need for a detailed harmonisation of regulations conducive to innovation, speed up reforms and the integrated approach to professional training in the European labour market.
- Recommends that the Union's energy policies encourage more prosumers and min-networks of electricity, as well as emerging renewable energy technologies.
- Recommends adapting the single market to the confirmation of qualifications through voluntary and informal recognition systems, so that adult workers, especially low-skill workers, develop their diverse skill sets at a higher level of performance.