



THE SENATE  
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC  
9<sup>TH</sup> TERM

521<sup>TH</sup>

**RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE**

Delivered on the 22<sup>nd</sup> session held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Report on the implementation of the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies /Senate Press no. K 135/09/**

**I.**

**1. Supports,**

in accord with Resolution of the Senate No. 373 of 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013, the efforts of the Commission and Member States to promptly address the issues of social exclusion and socially excluded areas, because, in addition to other negative effects, these are a common cause of social pathologies (crime, drug trafficking, prostitution, homelessness, gambling, etc.) and their spreading;

**2. Notes**

that Art. 153, Par.1 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union gives the Union the power to support and complement Member States in their fight against social exclusion, and the measures taken may be intended to solely encourage cooperation between Member States through initiatives aimed at improving knowledge, developing exchanges of information and best practices, promoting innovative approaches and evaluating experiences;

**II.**

**1. Is convinced**

that measures towards the inclusion of the Roma population should be adopted in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity at the national level where mainly the coordination of the integration activities should take, and above all at the regional and local level where a concrete situation and needs of Roma communities can only be fully reflected and effective individual solutions can be provided;

**2. Is of the opinion**

that the inclusion of this minority will be successful only if Roma communities representatives are engaged in the search for and implementation of the solution which could enhance the co-responsibility of these communities for finding an appropriate solution and for its implementation;

**3. Recommends**

fostering a dialogue at the European level which would lead to sharing of best practices in the field of Roma population integration without introducing any specific measures;

**III.**

**1. Requests**

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account and about further initiatives following this Communication;

**2. Authorises**

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

Milan Štěch  
sign manual  
President of the Senate

Zdeněk Berka  
sign manual  
Senate Verifier