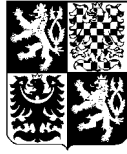


THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
SENATE



7th term

372nd RESOLUTION
OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 14th session held on 10 December 2009

on Green Paper – Promoting the learning mobility of young people

(Senate Press no. K 057/07)

The Senate

I. got acquainted

with the Green Paper on promoting the learning mobility of young people and deems it to be a basis for discussion about the future direction and possible extension of the policy of the transnational mobility of young people, in particular with respect to proven benefits of the mobility for acquiring new knowledge, improving language skills, personal development of young people and positive influence of the mobility on increasing quality of the educational institutions;

II. 1. supports

following initiatives mentioned in the Green Paper:

- extension of the scope of mobility in the way that different needs of various groups of young people are covered;
- mobility of teachers and trainers, especially the one of language teachers;
- activities aimed at facilitating participation of economically, socially or otherwise disadvantaged groups of young people in the mobility programmes;
- proposals for simplification of the legal framework which could make the mobility of young people easier;
- activities targeted at motivating the institutions of civil society and business to get involved in the mobility programmes;

2. Supports

the position of the Government of the CR;

3. Is of the opinion

- that the ambitious objective that by 2020, at least 20 % of those graduating in the European Higher Education Area should have a study or a training period abroad, will be difficult to achieve because of high financial requirements, differences in educational systems and quality of language education;
- that while setting the strategies for the development of mobility of young people, the European Commission should focus on qualitative rather than quantitative objectives;
- that while deciding on the setting of the mobility programmes, the European Commission should consider the benefit of the mobility for individual study and training programmes;
- that the European Commission should direct concrete measures to improve language competence of young people because active knowledge of foreign languages is the precondition for the development of the mobility;
- that the European Commission should direct further concrete measures to improve the process of recognition of studies undertaken within the scope of the mobility programmes at foreign institutions, and to fulfil the provisions from the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning the Higher Education in the European Region (the so-called Lisbon Recognition Convention);
- that the European Commission should consider the prospect of more extensive use of the ECTS Label as a suitable means for supporting the mobility and the recognition of studies;

III.

1. Requests

the Government of the CR to inform the Senate about the response to the Green Paper it will forward to the European Commission after taking into account of the views of stakeholders within the CR;

2. Authorizes

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

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President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier