

THE SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

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On the Communication from the Commission - Early Childhood Education and Care: Providing all our children with the best start for the world of tomorrow /Senate Press no. K 037/08/

The Senate

I.

Became acquainted

with the Communication from the Commission, recognises the importance of high-quality early childhood education and care for child development and preparation for further educational levels, it emphasises, however, that the responsibility for the formulation of the content of teaching and the organisation of the education system, of which pre-primary schools form a part, belongs in accordance with the Article 165 TFEU entirely to the Member States;

II.

Emphasises

that the form of pre-primary school education and care and especially the combination of child care in a family environment and in collective child-care institutions stems from the assessment of long-term experience of the individual Member States and therefore, it should remain to be defined at the national level;

that the role of the European Union in the area of pre-primary school education and care should only consist of non-legislative measures such as the exchange of information and best practices.

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