



THE SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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Resolution of the Senate

delivered on the 12th meeting held on 13th October 2011

on the Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions towards a space strategy for the European Union that benefits its Citizen /Senate Press no. K 050/08/

The Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

I.

Is convinced

of the importance of the long-term EU strategy in the area of space for the development of the EU's competitiveness, acquisition of new knowledge about the environment and natural phenomena, for finding the solution to a number of societal questions such as the prevention of accidents in transport, provision of automatic emergency calls, social services, monitoring of the environment and climate change, exploration and monitoring of the exploitation of natural resources, and for the provision of security and technological independence from other countries of the world;

II.

1. considers

as essential to stick to the timetable of the implementation of the Global monitoring for environment and security (GMES) programme and the European navigation system Galileo which should provide three fundamental services (positioning, public regulated and search-and-rescue service) starting from 2014;

2. Appeals

therefore to the Commission to ensure a long-term stable system of financing of priority programmes of Global navigation satellite system (GNSS, i.e. EGNOS and

Galileo) which would safeguard their reliable functioning and preclude further delays in launching the Galileo programme and the related loss of competitiveness;

3. Is of the opinion

that it is necessary:

- to resolve the question of an effective governance of the programmes as soon as possible, mainly regarding the sharing of responsibility among the Member States, the EU and the European Space Agency and other stakeholders;
- to ensure mutual compatibility of these systems both, from the point of view of the guarantee of high quality services and prevention of functional failures, as well as from the point of view of utilization by final users;

III.

Authorises

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

Milan Štěch
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President of the Senate

Stanislav Juránek
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Senate Verifier