



**THE SENATE  
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC  
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**640<sup>TH</sup>**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE**

Delivered on the 23<sup>rd</sup> session held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012

**on the Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2014-2018) complementing the Horizon 2020 - The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation /Senate Press no. N M 127/08/**

**The Senate**

**I.**

**1. Is convinced**

in accordance with the long-term position of the Senate, as stated for example in the resolution No. 121 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011 on the Commission's Communication Energy 2020: A strategy for competitive, sustainable and secure energy, that science and research in the field of energy is of essential significance for the future of the European Union;

**2. Considers**

nuclear energy as an important part of the energy mix, although renewable energy sources also play an important role;

**3. Appreciates therefore the attention**

the EU pays to research in the field of nuclear energy, which is able to play an important role in the efforts to reduce the carbon intensity of the European economy, as it has been stated previously for example in the resolution of the Committee on EU Affairs No. 268 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012;

**II.**

**1. Welcomes**

the increase of European investments in the development of nuclear fusion in the framework of the programme for research and innovation Horizon 2020;

**2. Believes**

that one of the main research goals in the next period ought to be the improvement of the safety of nuclear energy plants;

**3. Notes**

that a necessary condition for an effective future development of nuclear energy is the solution of the question of spent fuel and the end of the fuel cycle;

**4. Recommends**

to make more use of opportunities arising from the synergy between the Euratom programme and the structural funds, for example for locating the new-generation test reactor Allegro in the Czech Republic;

**III.**

**1. Requests**

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account and to provide the Senate with further information on the proceeding of negotiations;

**2. Authorises**

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

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