



**THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

8TH TERM

RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

558th RESOLUTION

delivered on the 19th meeting held on 15th March 2012

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the European Earth monitoring programme (GMES) and its operations (from 2014 onwards)

I.

1. Is convinced,

in accordance with long-term position of the Senate, as stated in the 366th resolution of 13 October 2011 on the Communication "Towards a space strategy for the European Union that benefits its citizens," of the importance of a long-term EU strategy in the field of space for competitiveness of the EU, environment and climate change monitoring, and survey of natural resources and their exploitation;

2. Welcomes therefore

the European Earth monitoring programme GMES as an important segment of EU space strategy, which will provide reliable information on the environment, climate change and cross-border security;

3. Regrets

the fact that the European Earth monitoring programme is not linked sufficiently with other EU initiatives in the field of environment, among other the environment and climate programme LIFE;

II.

1. Supports

the uniting of organisational and political oversight of the GMES programme in the European GNSS Agency (GSA);

2. Points out the fact

that the suggested form of financing through a GMES Fund outside of the EU budget can threaten the programme's implementation, which would result in the means spent so far to be spent in vain;

3. Recalls

in this context the statements of the European Parliament and the Council's legal service, which warn that the solution proposed by the European Commission may result in a breach of primary law of the EU;