

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

SENATE

8th TERM

739th RESOLUTION

delivered on the 26th meeting held on 24^h October 2012

on Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions

Towards a job-rich recovery /Senate Press no. K 161/08/

The Senate

I.

1. Agrees

with the general conclusions of the document, in particular with the support to job growth and the narrowing down of inconsistencies in offered and demanded skills of graduates;

2. Recalls

that it is primarily the responsibility of national authorities to develop employment policies while the EU authorities play a role mainly in supporting their endeavours, in coordination and in best practice exchanges;

3. Believes moreover

that the chosen form of a communication cannot sufficiently motivate the Member States to carry out the suggested measures;

II.

1. Supports

reduction of barriers on the labour market, which hinder the mobility of the workers among the EU Member States, such as the insufficient labour entitlements transferability, the complicated tax evidence and the non-recognition of education and training attainments;

2. Supports moreover

a more intense involvement of the social partners into the dialogue over labour market issues, such as decision-making over wages, working time and flexible labour contracts;

3. Is of the opinion

that the setting of minimum wage should to the greatest extent reflect the opinions of the social partners, in particular the employees' representatives, with a special regard towards employment sustainability, because in the current time of declining economy any irresponsible treatment of the minimum wage can have overarching macro economic consequences;

4. Welcomes

further development of links between educational institutions and companies, which can facilitate the development of the needed work skills and the acquisition of first employment for young people;

5. Calls on the European Commission

to focus on combating illegal work and on the fight against unlawful work conditions, which not only deprive public budgets of significant revenues, but also put the preservation of the European social model at risk;

III.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this position was taken into account and about further initiatives;

2. Authorises

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

Milan Štěch sign manual President of the Senate

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