



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

**RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE**

Delivered on the 26<sup>th</sup> session held on 24 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 on the European Innovation Partnership on Water**

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The Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

**I.**

**1. Supports**

in the long term science, research, innovation and education as it has been reflected in many resolutions to European documents, for instance the Europe 2020 Strategy (Resolution No 465 of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010) or Europe 2020 Flagship Initiative - Innovation Union (Resolution No 162 of 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011);

**2. Considers**

water management as a crucial field, to which a closer attention should be dedicated due to the strategic importance of water resources, as the Senate has already emphasised in the resolution on the programme for the environment LIFE (Resolution No 557 of 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012);

**3. Repetitively emphasises**

that all the European Union initiatives concerning one sector should demonstrate greater interlinkage and at the same time indicate more strongly connection between particular documents; in case of this Communication a greater interlinkage between the water management issues with LIFE programme and with the European Global Monitoring Programme (Resolution No 558 of 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012);

**II.**

**1. Considers indispensable**

that the substantial distinctions between Member States are taken into account within the scope of all initiatives in the field of water management, for instance when

regarding geographical width, morphology of landscape, hydrological particularities and level and structure of industry and agriculture;

**2. Is of the opinion**

that problems related to water management are best solved on national level, or possibly as part of bilateral cooperation between affected Member States;

**3. Draws attention**

to the projects initiated by the European Commission, which may contravene the principles of effective and sustainable water management (for instance the Carbon Capture and Storage project or promotion of growing energy crops for biofuels and bioliquids);

**4. Highlights**

that the Czech Republic is endowed with water management, academic and research capacity; nevertheless it must state that the interest in studying the fields related to water management issues and the offer thereof are insufficient;

**5. Disagrees**

with blanket determination of any quantitative goals concerning water consumption in the territory of Member States because these decisions should remain completely within the competence of particular Member States;

**6. Disagrees**

with creating new authorities on European level which would make decision on water management in the territory of Member States without having the knowledge of national particularities and without presence of all Member States representatives;

**III.**

**1. Requests**

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

**2. Authorises**

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

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President of the Senate

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