



THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 8th session held on 25th April 2013

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions EU Regulatory Fitness / Senate Press no. K 018/09/

The Senate

I.

- 1. Welcomes,**
in general, the efforts to streamline regulation and reduce administrative burden, both at national and European level;
- 2. Appreciates,**
therefore, the European Commission's efforts to improve and streamline regulation and new measures in this area that should lead to a simplification and an overall reduction in the number of legislative regulations;

II.

- 1. Recalls**
its longstanding position on this issue, as expressed for example in Senate Resolution No. 185 of 28 May 2009, that smart regulation initiatives should be regarded not only as a way to improve the quality of legislation, but also as a means of reducing its volume (i.e. deregulation), and that this reduction in burdens resulting from legislation should not apply solely to the business sector, but also to citizens;
- 2. Supports**
implementation of the Regulatory Fitness and Performance Programme (REFIT) and the Programme for Reducing Administrative Burdens (+ABR) as welcome systematic initiatives that should lead to the reduction in legislation and also in the overall costs resulting from the excessive bureaucratic and administrative burdens;
- 3. Points out**
that despite obvious efforts and progress in this area, there are still deficiencies in elaborating impact assessments of legislative proposals by the Commission, as in the case of the package of proposals for the establishment of the Banking union where the Commission's impact assessment had not been

carried out at all; notes that timely and high-quality impact assessments of the EU legislative proposals are considered essential by the Senate, especially with respect to their use in the preliminary scrutiny of the European legislative process by national parliaments

III.

1. Requests

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

2. Authorises

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

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