



THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 12th session held on 21st August 2013

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on measures to reduce the cost of deploying high-speed electronic communications networks /Senate Press no. N 053/09/

The Senate

I.

1. Recognizes

the crucial importance of information and communication technology for the competitiveness of the European economy;

2. Supports,

therefore, in accord with Senate Resolution No. 173 of 25th April 2013 on the Digital Agenda for Europe, those initiatives of the European Union which aim at building computer networks, increasing computer literacy, developing public electronic services, strengthening cyber-security and completing the single digital market;

II.

1. Points out

a substantial deficit in key network infrastructure which is exhibited by the new member states, including the Czech Republic, in the field of advanced telecommunication technologies;

2. Agrees,

therefore, with the European Commission's proposal whose goal is to accelerate the deployment of high-speed computer networks, reduce the costs of infrastructure construction, limit its negative impact on the environment and consequently expand the availability of modern telecommunications technologies for all EU citizens;

3. Warns

that the proposal for a regulation represents a significant enforced limitation of rights of owners of land plots, where the infrastructure networks are, under private contracts, located (obligation to allow placement of additional network for

free, construction work and attendant increase in maintenance costs), as well as rights of owners of buildings (obligation to furnish the newly constructed or reconstructed building with physical broadband infrastructure at their own expense), without dealing with legal status of these persons, which raises the question to what extent the proposal complies with the protection of fundamental rights;

4. Requests,

therefore, that the proposal explicitly confirm that the Member States shall adjust these problematic issues so that the regulation does not undermine the protection of fundamental rights guaranteed by their constitutions;

5. Recalls

that the development strategies for high-speed telecommunication networks in the EU should take into account national strategies for broadband development and electronic government;

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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