



PARLIAMENT  
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC  
Chamber of Deputies  
*Jan Bauer*  
Chairman  
Committee for European Affairs

Prague, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to inform you about the opinion of the Committee for European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council – Towards a Deep and Genuine Economic and Monetary Union – The introduction of a Convergence and Competitiveness Instrument /Council No. 6849/13, COM(2013) 165 final/ and the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council – Towards a Deep and Genuine Economic and Monetary Union – Ex ante coordination of plans for major economic policy reforms /Council No. 7945/13, COM(2013) 166 final/.

The respective document was included in the agenda of the 46<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee for European Affairs and was scrutinized on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2013. According to the Rules of Procedure of the Chamber of Deputies a Deputy Secretary of the State Secretary for European Affairs was present at the session to introduce the preliminary government's framework position.

After the hearing of the rapporteur's review and after the discussion the Committee has adopted the resolution No. 328 which is enclosed to this letter. According to this resolution the Committee i. a. believes that before adoption of new measures should always be first used existing tools and procedures to avoid duplication of agendas and unnecessary additional administrative burdens.

Enclosure

**Mr. José Manuel Barroso**  
President of the European Commission

**Brussels**

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Resolution No. 328

46<sup>rd</sup> session on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2013

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**Conclusions of the Resolution:**

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1. **stresses** the importance of stability of the euro area for the Czech economy and welcomes the discussion of possible measures promoting the stability and healthy functioning of the euro area;
2. **considers** that it would be advisable to leave space for participation in the proposed measures also for EU Member States outside the euro area, if these want to join voluntarily;
3. **believes** that before adoption of new measures should always be first used existing tools and procedures to avoid duplication of agendas and unnecessary additional administrative burdens;
4. **doesn't considers** as beneficial for any involvement of the European Parliament in the proposed procedures;
5. regarding the proposed **economic ex ante policy coordination**:
  - **considers** it essential that the proposed procedure doesn't interferes into national decision-making processes and that the final decision on the proposed reforms were left to the Member State,
  - **believes** that the ex ante process of coordination on the European level should not refer to measures with purely national action and should have character of recommendations to the Member State concerned;
6. in terms of the proposed **convergence and competitiveness**:
  - **sees** considerable risk in the possibility of postponing reforms in order to obtain funds from financial support mechanisms for later execution,
  - **considers** problematic the connection of the proposed financing instrument to the EU budget,
  - **considers** the contractual arrangements should be concluded on the initiative of a Member State;
7. **assigns** the Chairman of the Committee to inform the European Commission about this resolution.