



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

Delivered on the 16th session held on 27th November 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 : Public-private partnerships in Horizon 2020: a powerful tool to deliver on innovation and growth in Europe /Senate Press no. K 086/09/

The Senate

I.

1. Is aware

of the key importance of science and research for future competitiveness of the European Union;

2. Recalls

the long-term position of the Senate, as stated for example in Resolution No. 371 of 10th December 2009 on the Communication from the Commission on the progress made within the scope of the Seventh Framework Programme for research, that basic and applied research have to be developed in certain proportion which enables a successful commercialization of research outputs in the short and in the long term and, at the same time, ensures that the development of scientific excellence is not jeopardized in the long run;

3. Supports

therefore public private partnerships in the programme for science and research Horizon 2020 as a confirmation of the commitment of the EU to become a highly competitive knowledge-based economy;

II.

1. Appreciates

the fact that Czech entities successfully participate in European science and research partnership programmes, for which the Senate called earlier, e.g. in Resolution No. 638 of 13th June 2012 on the Horizon 2020 – Framework Programme for Research and Innovation;

2. Calls on the Government

to raise adequate awareness of opportunities for Czech private companies in Joint Technological Initiatives and Joint Undertakings because it is certainly possible to raise the current level of involvement;

3. Recommends

that the Government should develop partnerships with other Member states through other partnership tools (such as SESAR, EDCTP 2, etc.), notably in the field of advanced basic research where it is possible to save considerable means and efficiently share the whole intellectual potential of the European research area;

4. Is of the opinion

that the centres of competence and the large research infrastructure projects that are currently being created in the Czech Republic with support of European Union structural funds represent a unique possibility to develop Czech science at a top level;

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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