

THE SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC 9^{TH} TERM

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 18th session held on 29th January 2014

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council Strengthening the Social Dimension of the Economic and Monetary Union /Senate Press No. K 096/09/

The Senate

I.

1. Welcomes

this Communication which aims to strengthen the social dimension in the area of economic governance of the EU;

2. Supports,

in general, the Commission's efforts to find long-term solutions to current economic problems and to create a more effective and efficient design of Economic and Monetary Union which would appropriately reflect developments in the social area;

II.

1. Regards

more intensive and structured monitoring of developments in the social area using scoreboards as a step in the right direction which could contribute to the early identification of emerging problems and their consequent solutions through an appropriately formulated economic and social policy;

2. Supports

measures to increase labour mobility, remove barriers within the European labour market, and at the same time also strengthen the prevention of abuse of migration for social benefits; facilitation of freedom of movement for job seekers may, in fact, contribute to at least a partial reduction in the high unemployment rate in the Member States affected by severe economic and structural problems;

3. Considers

the issue of youth unemployment as particularly crucial and recalls, in this context, the long-term position of the Senate formulated, for example, in Resolution No. 178 of 25th April 2013 on the so-called "youth unemployment package", in which the Senate expressed support to all initiatives of the EU and individual Member States in the field of improving youth employability in the labour market, such as guarantees for young people, reforms in education and promotion of educational mobility;

4. Agrees

with the Commission's view that it is necessary to strengthen social dialogue and improve and streamline the use of existing platforms of consultation with social partners, both at domestic and European 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.

Milan Štěch sign manual President of the Senate

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