



THE SENATE
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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 20th session held on 23rd April 2014

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Free movement of EU citizens and their families: Five actions to make a difference (Senate Press no. K 104/09)

The Senate

I.

1. Supports

the Commission's efforts to improve the conditions of free movement, since the right of free movement constitutes one of the cornerstones of European integration and brings significant economic benefits;

2. Points out

that a selective application of the fundamental freedoms by the Member States would lead to disruption of the EU single market; contrary to that, the proposed improvements to existing measures in the area of free movement of persons can contribute to a further stimulus for economic growth and can help deal with the consequences of the economic crisis;

II.

1. Welcomes

promotion of the exchange of best practices between the competent authorities;

2. Agrees

with the setting up of an online training module to help staff in local authorities, with establishing the legal support and information bodies for mobile EU workers and with modernization and reinforcement of the EURES network;

3. Highlights

the need to clarify the costs and the financing of planned projects;

4. Does not consider

the quantitative approach to the issue of abuse of free movement appropriate, whereby the Commission concluded that there is almost no abuse and that it is a marginal and too exaggerated problem; the Commission did not take into account the comments of a number of Member States that pointed out to the difficulties associated with the collection of relevant statistical data and the fact that these data are of limited information value; there are also problems that are not statistically significant, and therefore are not included in the Commission's assessment, but the public in the Member States perceives them very negatively;

5. Considers

that it is necessary to put more emphasis on the effectiveness of preventive and control tools in the fight against fraud, which is more effective than to focus only on subsequent sanctions for abuse of free movement;

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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