



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

Delivered on the 9th session held on 17th June 2015

on the Proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No. 1304/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on the European Social Fund, as regards an increase of the initial pre-financing amount paid to operational programmes supported by the Youth Employment Initiative /Senate Print no. N 007/10/

The Senate

I.

1. Welcomes

the proposal of the Commission which aims to increase the Youth Employment Initiative pre-financing rate;

2. Recalls, in this context,

its Resolution No. 178 of 25th April 2013 on the Youth Employment Package in which it expressed support for initiatives in the field of boosting youth employability, such as the youth guarantee, and its Resolution No. 306 of 22nd August 2013 on Youth Employment Initiative in which it supported the foundation of this initiative;

II.

1. Agrees

with the proposed increase in the pre-financing rate to 30 % and with the given period of 12 months for submission of interim payment applications;

2. Is of the opinion

that this proposal will help Member States accelerate the implementation of projects focused on support for youth employment since Member States themselves have pointed out that the lack of financial resources is one of the main reasons for the slow implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative;

3. Is aware

that in the Czech Republic the only region eligible for drawing of the financial aid from the Youth Employment Initiative is the Northwest NUTS II region

(Karlovarský and Ústecký region), as in this particular area the youth unemployment rate exceeded 25 % in the chosen reference year of 2012;

4. Supports

Government's efforts to solve the issue of youth unemployment since it affects not only the above mentioned areas but also other regions in the Czech Republic are struggling with it;

5. Considers it therefore important

that the Government should take all necessary measures leading to a fast approval of the Operational Programme Employment for the period of 2014-2020 by the European Commission, in which the implementation of measures not only under the Youth Employment Initiative but also under the Youth Guarantee Programme of the Czech Republic is planned;

6. Recommends as well

that the calls for submission of projects focused on support for youth employment should be announced as a matter of priority after the approval of the Operational Programme Employment;

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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President of the Senate

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