



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

Delivered on the 19th session held on 2nd March 2016

on the proposal for a Council Recommendation on the integration of the long-term unemployed into the labour market /Senate Print no. J 038/10/

The Senate

I.

1. Acquainted itself

with the proposal for the Council Recommendation on the integration of the long-term unemployed into the labour market;

2. Realizes

that although the unemployment rate in the Czech Republic is at a low level and it represents one of the lowest in comparison with other EU Member States, the problem with the long-term unemployment exists also in the Czech Republic;

II.

1. Welcomes

the Recommendation of the Commission and supports the three main proposed measures which could lead to the improvement of the situation of the long-term unemployed in the EU;

2. Observes

that the Recommendation respects the differences between Member States and ensures them sufficient flexibility in the implementation of the proposed measures;

3. Believes

that new institutions should not be established for the purpose of having a single point of contact for the coordinated delivery of services to beneficiaries; entities from existing structures should be used to their maximum extent;

4. Agrees

with the Government that the proposed system of monitoring must not be overly burdensome in terms of the extent of the provided information;

monitoring should be based primarily on existing indicators and statistics of Eurostat;

5. Adds

that while the current EU unemployment can be regarded as mostly cyclical, it is further compounded by the inadequate structure of skills and qualifications supplied and demanded;

6. Is therefore of the opinion

that effective education systems that would react swiftly to the labour market needs and motivate young people and their parents to choose their professional qualification with responsibility will play an important preventive role in solving the long-term unemployment issue, as the Senate has already stated in its Resolution No. 306 from 22nd August 2013 on the Youth Employment Initiative;

7. Supports

in this context the appeal for close cooperation with employers, which will enable better comprehension of their needs and demands; this could in turn help to improve integration of the long-term unemployed into the labour market and the effectiveness of educational systems;

8. Notes

that in the combat with the long-term unemployment, more emphasis should be put also on the support of other preventive measures such as entrepreneurship education and promotion of entrepreneurship among unemployed, flexible working arrangements or support of labour mobility;

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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