



THE SENATE
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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 24th session held on 25th May 2016

on the Communication from the Commission - Investing in jobs and growth – maximising the contribution of European Structural and Investment Funds /Senate Print no. K 060/10, COM(2015)639 /

The Senate

- I.**
- 1. Welcomes**
the Communication from the Commission to improve the use of European Structural and Investment Funds in order to increase employment and economic growth in the European Union.
 - 2. Is aware**
of the benefits of structural funds in the Czech Republic in recent years for municipalities, regions and other recipients in the fields of infrastructure, environment, employment, entrepreneurship, innovation and other areas, which constitute a significant proportion of public investment;
- II.**
- 1. Does not agree**
with major changes in the course of revision of the multiannual financial framework for the period 2014 - 2020 that would erode the predictability and long-term concepts and strategies in the cohesion policy;
 - 2. Recalls**
that although the combination of the Investment plan for Europe with the European Structural and Investment Funds is beneficial, it is not entirely clear how this combination should be implemented in practice to avoid infringement of the general principle of prohibition of double financing from the EU budget;
 - 3. Appreciates**
emphasis on the wider use of financial instruments for the new programming period 2014-2020 in order to obtain more funding, which is further stimulated by long-term low interest rates;

4. Is convinced

that besides reducing the number of intermediary bodies and operational programs also simplification of applications for grants and coordination of control mechanisms will lead to significant reduction of administrative burden for applicants;

5. Agrees

with the reformed framework for European structural and investment funds, which places greater emphasis on results and performance and binds investment needs to the specific objectives and priorities, related indicators and target values of outputs and outcomes as opposed to the emphasis on the utilization of available funds as such, which was the case in the previous programming period;

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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sign manual
Senate Verifier