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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

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on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Towards the broadest use of alternative fuels - an Action Plan on Alternative Fuels Infrastructure under Article 10(6) of Directive 2014/94/EU, including the assessment of national policy frameworks under Article 10(2) of Directive 2014/94/EU /Senate Print no. K 082/11, COM(2017) 652/

The Senate

I.

1. Acknowledges

that the deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels is a precondition for the broader use of alternative fuel vehicles;

2. However, is convinced

that the insufficient infrastructure is not a major obstacle for the use of alternative fuel vehicles at this moment, because the high price and lack of supply on the market particularly in case of electric vehicles is a more important obstacle;

3. Therefore is of the opinion

that the deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels must be a flexible process which will take into consideration both the actual number of alternative fuel vehicles and predictions of progress in order to avoid deployment of infrastructure that would ultimately remain unused;

4. Points out

that the Member States have different initial conditions for the deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels as well as development of different types of alternative fuels and therefore different cost efficiency; thus the same level of ambition in the deployment of infrastructure for alternative fuels cannot be expected from them;

5. Agrees

with the need of gradual deployment of backbone infrastructure for alternative fuels alongside the TEN-T core and comprehensive network; however, the Senate is of the opinion that this infrastructure should be firstly deployed in urban and sub-urban areas, where the need for the reduction of emissions is the highest, and subsequently expand gradually, in order to continuously connect to the infrastructure alongside the TEN-T core and comprehensive network, thus creating an uninterrupted coverage of the whole area;

6. Objects

to the internally inconsistent approach of the Commission to the concept of clean mobility since the Commission on the one hand – in the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2009/33/EC on the promotion of clean and energy-efficient road transport vehicles and the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting emission performance standards for new passenger cars and new light commercial vehicles as part of the Union's integrated approach to reduce CO₂ emissions from light-duty vehicles and amending Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 – proposes the definitions of clean vehicle or low or zero emission vehicle which exclude any alternative fuels apart from electricity and hydrogen and on the other hand demands the deployment of infrastructure for all alternative fuels from the Member States in this action plan;

7. Supports

a broad definition of clean vehicles which maintains technological neutrality as Senate has already stated in its resolution No. 352 of 15th February 2018 on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2009/33/EC on the promotion of clean and energy-efficient road transport vehicles;

8. Is aware of

the current high reliance on the conventional fuels (diesel and petrol) due to which the transition to the alternative fuels will require a longer period of time; therefore attention should be also paid to the development of technologies that are based on oil and its products but have significantly lower emissions of greenhouse gases and other pollutants;

II.

Authorises

the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission.

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sign manual
President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier