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THE SENATE  
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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**371<sup>st</sup>**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE**

Delivered on the 13<sup>th</sup> session held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**on the reform of the Economic and Monetary Union**

- the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund, the Cohesion Fund and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 as regards support to structural reforms in Member States (Senate Print No. N 89/11; COM (2017) 826)
- the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2017/825 to increase the financial envelope of the Structural Reform Support Programme and adapt its general objective (Senate Print No. N 90/11; COM (2017) 825)
- the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council and the European Central Bank New budgetary instruments for a stable euro area within the union framework (Senate Print No. K 91/11; COM (2017) 822)

**The Senate**

**I.**

**1. Regards positively,**

in general sense, the presented package since the reform of the EMU is very much desirable in the context of recent years;

## **2. Considers**

the proposed steps as rational and beneficial, however some of their aspects may be problematic from the point of view of the Czech Republic;

## **II.**

### **1. Supports,**

therefore, the Government's Positions on the documents under discussion;

### **2. Is of the opinion**

that the announced macroeconomic stabilization function could theoretically weaken the pressure on national reforms and thereby the responsibility of the Member States;

### **3. Considers**

the increasing of the funding for the SRSP necessary, but the duplications and overlaps will need to be resolved; also the use of the cohesion funds of the Member States to these purposes must be voluntary on the basis of a Member State's decision;

### **4. Perceives positively**

the interconnection of Cohesion Policy with the European Semester and the Recommendations of the Council for Member States, however, only relevant Council recommendations which are closely linked to interventions of cohesion policy should be taken into account; the proposed system for the period up to 2020 should be voluntary and possible use of this mechanism in the post-2020 budget should not lead to a retreat from the traditional focus of Cohesion Policy;

## **III.**

### **1. Requests**

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this resolution was taken into account and about further development of negotiations once the political agreement of the required number of Member States on the main elements of the proposals is reached, or at an earlier time, should the results of negotiations in the Council begin to depart considerably from the position of the Czech Republic expressed in the General Position of the Government;

### **2. 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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sign manual  
Senate Verifier