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THE SENATE  
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC  
11<sup>TH</sup> TERM

420<sup>th</sup>

**RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE**

Delivered on the 15<sup>th</sup> session held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions**

**Horizon 2020 interim evaluation: maximising the impact of EU research and innovation**

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**The Senate**

**I.**

**1. Got Acquainted**

with the Communication from the Commission Horizon 2020 interim evaluation: maximising the impact of EU research and innovation;

**2. Is of the opinion**

that science and research and their support are of key importance for the competitiveness of the European Union; the Senate points out, in this regard, to its Resolution No. 640 delivered on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012 on the Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2014-2018) complementing the Horizon 2020 - The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation and No. 376 delivered on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013 on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Public-private partnerships in Horizon 2020: a powerful tool to deliver on innovation and growth in Europe;

**3. Appreciates**

the significance that the European Research Council (ERC) has attained in the international environment;

**4. Regrets**

that a high number of grant proposals supported by a quality research project is rejected as a consequence of lack of finance;

**5. Emphasizes therefore**

that the shortcomings identified in the course of the evaluation of the Horizon 2020 should be reflected in the debate about its successor, the ninth framework programme for research and innovation, mainly its low budget which does not allow funding of all the quality proposals, furthermore, persistent administrative burden which is not adequate to the grant amounts or insufficient flexibility when providing grant;

**6. Expresses concerns**

about potential overlaps or duplication of activities of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology and the European Innovation Council that is currently functioning as a pilot project;

**II.**

**1. Requests**

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this resolution was taken into account and about further development of negotiations;

**2. Authorises**

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

Milan Štěch  
sign manual  
President of the Senate

Jiří Dušek  
sign manual  
Senate Verifier