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THE SENATE
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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 18th session held on 18th October 2018

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) (Senate Print no. N 156/11, COM(2018) 382)

The Senate

I.

1. Got acquainted

with the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) and with the Position of the Government on the Proposal;

2. Is aware

that investment in human capital is a significant factor of growth of the European economy; for this reason, the Senate appreciates initiatives encouraging women and disadvantaged groups to participate in the labour market, enhancing the quality of education and training, lifelong learning, development of skills and social inclusion and other activities leading to a long-term improvement in the quality of life in the EU;

3. Is convinced

- that modernization of public administration services should continue to be supported by ESF+;
- that mixing instruments of direct management (the Health programme and Employment and Social Innovation EaSI Programme) in the Proposal for a Regulation on ESF+ which is predominantly focused on shared management instruments (ESF, Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived FEAD, Youth Employment Initiative YEI) makes these instruments and programmes complicated for users;
- that there is an overlap of activities supported by ESF+ and the European Globalization Adjustment Fund (EGF), which, on the contrary, is not integrated into the ESF+ structure;

- that, in the light of the principle of subsidiarity and knowledge of specific national conditions and needs, Member States should have sufficient flexibility to direct ESF+ funding according to their own assessment; in this regard, the Senate points to the Commission's efforts to connect ESF+ funding to the implementation of the National Reform Programme;

II.

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 proposal 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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