



THE SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
12TH TERM

66th

RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 4th session held on 20th December 2018

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of the Reform Support Programme (Senate Print no. N 159/11, COM(2018) 391)

The Senate

I.

- 1. Agrees in general, in accordance with the position of the Government,**
with establishing the Reform Support Programme in the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework, but lacks a justification of the financial amounts allocated for the individual instruments;
- 2. Points out**
that although the programme may support the implementation of necessary reforms, it could also lead the Member States to condition their reform efforts by the availability of financial support from the EU, which would not be appropriate;
- 3. Is of the opinion**
that the reform effort should come from national needs and motivations of each Member State and that the financial support from the EU should only be supplementary, which should be reflected in its amount;
- 4. Supports**
the proposal that only Member States in which the GDP per capita lies below 90 % of the EU average should be allowed to use the programme;

II.

- 1. Expresses doubts, in accordance with the position of the Government,**
on the effectiveness of the reform delivery tool, because especially the proposed payment of the support only after the completion of the reform and the requirement that the reforms remain unchanged for five years do not enable the Member States to react to the development of the economic, political and social situation;

2. Recommends

to the Government to lead a deeper dialogue with the Commission regarding the proposals for complex reform commitments and their implementation;

3. Is of the opinion

that the conclusion of agreements between the Government and the Commission on reform commitments and financial support must not result in a limitation of the Parliament's political decision-making on reform bills by having the agreement between the Government and the Commission set in detail the concrete parameters of the reform and make the adherence to these parameters a condition for obtaining the financial support;

4. Therefore requests

the Government to discuss in advance any potential proposals for reform commitments with the Parliament of the Czech Republic and to submit to the Parliament of the Czech Republic the content of the final agreement with the Commission before its conclusion by the Government;

III.

Supports

increasing the financing of the technical support instrument at the expense of the reform delivery tool;

IV.

Maintains a neutral position

on the convergence facility because it only permits to grant additional support to those Member States that adopt and follow a detailed roadmap to joining the Euro area;

V.

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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President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier