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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 4th session held on 19th December 2018

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Digital Europe Programme for the period 2021-2027 (Senate Print No. N169/11; COM(2018) 434)

The Senate

- I.**
- 1. Welcomes,**
in line with the position of the Government of the Czech Republic, the establishment of an individual framework Programme that will serve as an investment supplement to the Digital Single Market Strategy and will contribute to its development and implementation and which is important for the economic and social competitiveness of the Czech Republic in the EU as well as of the EU in the world;
 - 2. Supports**
the further modernization of eGovernment, both at the EU level as well as at the national and regional level with the simultaneous involvement of the private sector as well as increasing the effectiveness and interoperability of eGovernment, developing a seamless approach and user-friendliness;
 - 3. Considers**
the digital transformation of services of general interest to be crucial, such as in the area of healthcare and personalized medicine, mobility, finances, blockchain infrastructure, environmental monitoring or education;
 - 4. Agrees**
with the support of the free flow of data on the EU internal market and of the development of digital technologies, which are a major factor in the development of artificial intelligence, high-performance computing and competitiveness;

5. Recommends

to maintain technology neutrality and not to neglect other advanced digital technologies, including the forthcoming ones, in order to avoid unnecessary barriers in the area of digital technology development;

6. Appreciates

the emphasis on increasing the cyber security and credibility, for example through digital identity, encryption and detection of disruption or defence against cyber-attacks and threats;

7. Supports

the development of advanced digital skills, however, points out that it is also necessary to focus on the development of basic or moderate digital skills;

8. Requests,

with regard to transparency and uniform conditions, a clarification of the status of eligible entities of financial support, a clarification of the role, tasks and activities of the so-called Digital Innovation Hubs, including how they are selected, as well as complementarity and synergies of the Digital Europe Programme with other programmes at EU level, in order to prevent duplication of activities with other programmes;

9. Considers it also important

to target the funds to specific areas and measures with clear benefits for citizens and businesses and with real guaranteed returns, measurability and sustainability of results;

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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