

# THE SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC $12^{TH}$ TERM

# 118<sup>th</sup>

# **RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE**

Delivered on the 7<sup>th</sup> session held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Coordinated Plan on Artificial Intelligence (Senate Print no. N 008/12, COM(2018) 795)

#### The Senate

I.

#### 1. Supports

all activities of the Czech Republic within the EU, or similarly of the EU worldwide, regarding projects which develop technologies labelled as artificial intelligence (A.I.) since the Senate considers them to be important for the future development, improving the quality of life and overall competitiveness;

#### 2. Emphasises

coordination of the development of the necessary infrastructure and Digital Innovation Hubs, closer cooperation between universities, research institutions and the private sector, support for innovative start-ups, as well as the need for skills transfer and cross-sector and multidisciplinary mobility;

### 3. Considers

simultaneously as the key:

- to direct resources primarily to areas with clear benefits for citizens and enterprises and to projects with potentially high returns on public spending, measurability and sustainability of results;
- to develop credible and tested A.I. technologies that are sufficiently controllable and whose development and use will ensure respect for fundamental rights, ethical standards, elimination of stereotypes and hidden biases against groups of people;
- the establishment of a Common European Data Space containing highquality and interoperable data; however, the Senate is concerned that the current data protection legislation no longer reflects the innovation in data storage resulting from increasing volume of data and may undermine technological neutrality;
- to support the Czech Republic's focus on developing those A.I. fields in which the Czech Republic has a potential to establish itself at the global

level, especially in the field of cybersecurity and application of satellite systems;

## 4. Appreciates

efforts by the Government of the Czech Republic to adopt the National A.I. Strategy (NAIS) soon and to include A.I. experts in its formulation, as well as to build one of the European A.I. excellence centres on the territory of the Czech Republic;

#### 5 Recalls

that special attention should be paid to the analysis and provision of general cybersecurity and defence, so as to guarantee a safe use of all technologies for citizens and the public sector;

#### II.

# 1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate about the way this Resolution was taken into account, especially regarding the formulation of the National A.I. Strategy (NAIS);

#### 2. Authorises

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

Jaroslav Kubera sign manual President of the Senate

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