



SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 14th Session held on the 21st of July 2021

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee, and the Committee of the Regions Action Plan on synergies between civil, defence and space industries /Senate Print no. K 025/13, COM(2021) 70

The Senate

I.

1. Regards

the space industry to be an important accelerator of innovation with importance for commercialization and technology transfer in the civil and defence sphere;

2. Stresses

the fact that space technologies - both civil and military - affect daily lives of all EU citizens, while their movement and functionality in orbit are determined by natural laws that transcend national borders;

3. Finds

in this regard, close cooperation between the EU Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA) and the European Space Agency (ESA) to be fundamental for the development of space activities and space industry in the Czech Republic and the EU;

4. Supports

the vision of Europe's strategic autonomy and related growth of its technological, defence and information sovereignty, independence from the supply of critical (raw) materials and the development of research and testing infrastructure;

5. Considers essential

to ensure cyber security and defence, development of the Trans-European secure communication infrastructure and adequate control of drone technologies, as well as the discussion how to regulate traffic and in-orbit communications, but with the provision that this issue can only be addressed by global agreement;

6. Appeals

to the Government to facilitate the participation of the Czech industry in the development, production and operation of joint space sections through national and European instruments, including ESA activities and optional programs, cooperation projects between universities, research institutions and academia and industries, both for spin-off as well as for spin-in solution;

7. Agrees

with the Government's position that, in view of the need to prevent duplication and inefficient spending, it is first necessary to make maximum use of existing EU structures before creating new ones; in this context, considers it superfluous, for instance, to set up the EU Observatory of Critical Technologies, which should regularly monitor and analyse the development of key technologies;

8. Notes with regrets

that according to the European Court of Auditors' Special Report No. 07/2021 the EU has not taken sufficient steps to realize the full potential of its Space Programmes, to leverage large investments and to optimize the economic benefits that these programmes bring to citizens and the economy;

II.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate no later than on 30 November 2021 about the way this Resolution was taken into account;

2. Authorises

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

Miloš Vystrčil
sign manual
President of the Senate

Zdeněk Hraba
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Senate Verifier