



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

Delivered on the 12th session held on 9th June 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 2030 Digital Compass: the European Way for the Digital Decade (Senate Print no. K 31/13, COM(2021) 118)

The Senate

I.

1. Supports

in general, the proposed digital ambitions of the EU for the year 2030 and welcomes setting the targets focused on digital skills, digital infrastructure, digital transformation of businesses and digitalisation of public services;

2. Points out

that some of the proposed targets are very ambitious and that they will not be easy to achieve by the year 2030;

3. Is of the opinion

that strengthening the EU's digital sovereignty and lessening dependence on non-European suppliers cannot be accompanied by protectionist measures, but on the contrary, must be accomplished while preserving market openness and global cooperation;

4. Agrees with the Government

that in order to monitor progress of the EU and the Member States in the area of digitalization it is not necessary to create a whole new monitoring framework, but that it is more suitable to adapt and use existing indicators and tools; monitoring of progress also should not be too administratively demanding and there should be no duplicity in activities;

5. Agrees also

that in the digital space, we need to ensure that the same rights that apply offline can be fully exercised online;

6. Points out, however,

in this context that citizens should have the right to choose whether they want to become digital citizens or not, or whether they will use public services online or only offline;

II.

Authorises

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

Miloš Vystrčil
sign manual
President of the Senate

Jaroslav Větrovský
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Senate Verifier