



SENATE  
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC  
13<sup>TH</sup> TERM

352<sup>nd</sup>

**RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE**

Delivered on the 18<sup>th</sup> Session held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 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 NAIADES III: Boosting future-proof European inland waterway transport (Senate Print no. K 076/13, COM(2021) 324)**

**The Senate**

**I.**

**1. Is of the opinion**

that inland waterway transport, together with rail freight, is one of the most CO<sub>2</sub>-efficient modes of freight transport (per tonnes of goods carried), and is therefore an important element in the efforts to decarbonise the transport system;

**2. Recalls**

Senate Resolution No. 354 from the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018 on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 92/106/EEC on the establishment of common rules for certain types of combined transport of goods between Member States (Senate Print no. N 081/11, COM(2017) 648), in which the Senate noticed that the shift from the road freight to rail and inland waterways will involve costs related mainly to renewal and, possibly, construction of rail and inland waterways, road connections to the terminals, stocking capacity at the transshipment terminals and even at the destination of the combined freight transport;

**3. Stresses**

that the construction and maintenance of inland waterways and their interconnection require considerable financial resources;

**4. Regrets in this regard**

- that the development of inland waterway transport in the Czech Republic has long been facing technical problems, a lack of funding and the absence of a long-term strategy in the domain of water construction;

*Courtesy translation*

- that the Communication contains rather a list of draft measures than specific proposals for funding for their implementation;

**5. Recommends the Government,**

in case of definitive abandoning of the project of water corridor Danube-Odra-Elbe (DOL), to evaluate the territorial reserves and construction closures along this corridor route with respect to their needs for other constructions in the public interest;

**II.**

**1. Requests**

the Government to inform the Senate by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 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

Jaroslav Větrovský  
sign manual  
Senate Verifier