



SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
13TH TERM

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 17th session held on 27th of October 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 A long-term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas - Towards stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous rural areas by 2040 /Senate Print no. K 058/13, COM(2021) 345/

The Senate

I.

1. Supports

the European Commission's effort to point out the need for the development of rural areas as well as the general objectives of the submitted document and agrees with the Commission's opinion that the differences and specifics of rural areas in different EU Member States should be taken into account;

2. Recommends

the Government of the Czech Republic in accordance with the Communication from the Commission to pay due attention to sustainable rural life in particular when ensuring the availability of basic services, in particular drinking water, sewerage, transport, digital communication, accessible state administration (register office, building authorities, post office), banking facilities, accessible education, health care and social services;

3. Draws

the attention of the Government of the Czech Republic to the importance and necessity of supporting local community networks, in particular Local Action Groups;

4. Emphasizes

that the Czech Republic lags far behind in high-speed internet coverage of rural areas which the Senate considers to be an essential element of sustainable rural life in the 21st century;

Courtesy translation

II.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate by 31 March 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
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President of the Senate

Josef Bazala
sign manual
Senate Verifier