

# THE SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC $13^{TH}$ TERM

# 433rd

## RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 24th Session held on the 6th of April 2022

## on the Digitalisation of Judicial Cooperation Package

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 2003/8/EC, Council Framework Decisions 2002/465/JHA, 2002/584/JHA, 2003/577/JHA, 2005/214/JHA, 2006/783/JHA, 2008/909/JHA, 2008/947/JHA, 2009/829/JHA and 2009/948/JHA, and Directive 2014/41/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards digitalisation of judicial cooperation (Senate Print No. N 127/13, COM(2021) 760); and

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the digitalisation of judicial cooperation and access to justice in cross-border civil, commercial and criminal matters, and amending certain acts in the field of judicial cooperation (Senate Print No. N 128/13, COM(2021) 759)

## The Senate

I.

#### 1. Supports,

in accordance with the Government, the Commission's proposals;

## 2. Agrees

with the Government's Positions, including remarks on partial issues included therein;

## 3. Requests therefore,

in accordance with the Government, that the proposals be clarified and formulated more precisely, in particular regarding:

- rules on the conversion of documents from paper to electronic form for the purpose of electronic communication between Member States' authorities;

- clarification of conditions of the communication between courts and parties to the proceeding via the European electronic access point (mode and effects of the choice of this form of communication by a party, extent and legal effects of "procedurally relevant information" that may be received by the party in this way);
- setting of more flexible rules for videoconferencing when using the instruments of judicial cooperation in civil matters, especially the clarification or deletion of the condition that one of the parties must be located in another Member State;
- clarification, whether the electronic payment of fees only concerns the fees related to the instruments of judicial cooperation in civil matters;

## II.

## 1. Requests

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

> Zdeněk Hraba sign manual Senate Verifier