



SENATE  
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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**RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE**

Delivered on the 25<sup>th</sup> session held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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**The Senate**

- I.**
- 1. Recognises** the importance of the social economy in addressing current societal challenges, in particular, its contribution to the social inclusion of disadvantaged groups and their labour-market inclusion, to the promotion of active participation of citizens in corporate governance, to the development of solidarity and social responsibility and sustainable and innovative practices;
  - 2. Agrees** with the opinion of the European Commission that the social economy is one of the important pillars of sustainable economic and social development, and appreciates the contribution of the social economy to increasing social stability and economic resilience of the society in a process of the twin ecological and digital transition;
  - 3. Is convinced**
    - that the strength of the social economy is in the significant innovation potential and the principle of voluntary bottom-up collective initiative; social enterprises are thus able to respond in a flexible way to the specific problems and needs of citizens, including mitigating the effects of the current economic crisis;
    - that benefits of a developed social economy also include savings in public resources because social enterprises support employment, social inclusion and sustainable local development;

*Courtesy translation*

4. **Notes with regret** that, despite the numerous benefits of social enterprises for society, the Governments have not yet created an appropriate legal framework which would enable the development of the social economy;
5. **Calls upon the Government** to take appropriate measures, in accordance with its Policy Statement of the Government and the Action Plan, and to speed up the preparation of the law on social entrepreneurship in order to support social entrepreneurship in the Czech Republic and to facilitate the performance of the activities of social economy entities;

**II.**

**1. Requests**

the Government to inform the Senate no later than on 31<sup>st</sup> October 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

Josef Bazala  
sign manual  
Senate Verifier