



SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

13TH TERM

389th

RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 21st session held on 2nd March 2022

on Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network, amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1153 and Regulation (EU) No 913/2010 and repealing Regulation (EU) 1315/2013 /Senate Print no. N 141/13, COM(2021) 812/

The Senate

- I.
1. **Supports**
the Position of the Government of the Czech Republic;
 2. **Assesses positively**
a new structure of the Proposal, which now emphasises the different modes of transport in relation to requirements that apply to them in the European legal framework, in particular the emphasis on the development of high-speed rail, as well as the introduction of new transitional periods in 2030 and 2040 for meeting the requirements arising from the Proposal and the associated introduction of the extended core network;
 3. **Draws attention, however,**
to the fact that some of the requirements of the proposal (e.g. 160 km/h line speed by 2040, operation of 740 m long trains) are not very realistic in terms of the timing and cost-effectiveness of the measures, especially as regards the requirements for the core network of rail infrastructure and infrastructure for alternative fuels;
 4. **Is of the opinion**
that the provision of the Article 8(5) concerning the single entity for the construction and management of cross-border infrastructure projects of common interest, which the Commission may require Member States to establish by means of an implementing act, is

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too vague and that the statute, roles and competencies of this entity should be clarified and described directly in the Proposal for a Regulation;

5. Emphasises

that with regard to the development of urban nodes and urban mobility, the distribution of competences at national level needs to be reflected; the role of Member States in the process of adopting of sustainable urban mobility plans in line with Annex V should therefore be defined in the Proposal as supportive and coordinating;

6. Recalls

that the Proposal must respect the principle of subsidiarity, as some aspects of the Proposal fall within the primary competence of the Member States, others within the competence of individual cities, and therefore the relevant obligations should be formulated in such a way that they are addressed directly to the authorities concerned;

7. Is of the opinion

that some obligations (e.g. long-term maintenance plans) will lead to an increase in administrative burden, which is already disproportionate and inefficient, for both the public and private sectors;

8. Asks

the European Commission, in cooperation with the Government of the Czech Republic, for updating and checking the map Annexes to the Proposal reflecting the current actual state of rail, road and water networks;

II.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate no later than on 30th June 2022 about the way this Resolution was taken into account, and about the further development of negotiations;

2. Authorises

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

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