

SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC 13TH TERM

438th

RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 24th session held on 6th April 2022

on the Package on European higher education cooperation

Senate Print no. K 153/13 – Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on a European strategy for universities /COM(2022) 16/

Senate Print no. J 154/13 - Proposal for a Council Recommendation on building bridges for effective European higher education cooperation /COM(2022) 17/

The Senate

I.

1. Agrees

with the Position of the Government on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on a European strategy for universities (the Communication) and on the Proposal for a Council Recommendation on building bridges for effective European higher education cooperation (the Proposal for a Recommendation);

2. Considers

that the lack of financial support for the activities planned in the Communication and the Proposal for a Recommendation may constitute a major obstacle to the achievement of the stated objectives in the Czech Republic;

3. Calls on the Government,

in accordance with the Proposal for a Recommendation, to pay attention to solving the collision problems in the Czech Republic, particularly to:

- the question of health and social insurance contributions for employees in the situation of overlapping employment in two countries; as university consortia expand, this

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- situation will arise more and more frequently as a result of posting and sharing of workers; ensuring contributions represents a huge administrative, procedural and financially costly problem for universities;
- the charging of tuition fees for foreign language study programmes taught in the public universities in the Czech Republic; in the context of the activities resulting from the Proposal for a Recommendation, this charging is very limiting and may jeopardise meeting the objectives set out in the Proposal for a Recommendation;

II.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate no later than on 31st July 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