



SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 25th session held on 18th May 2022

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 the 8th Cohesion Report: Cohesion in Europe towards 2050 /Senate Print no. K 157/13, COM(2022) 34/

The Senate

I.

1. Got acquainted with the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the 8th Cohesion Report: Cohesion in Europe towards 2050;

2. Notes

- a) that the cohesion policy implemented by the governments of the Czech Republic has not had the long-term effect of bringing the level of less developed regions closer to the level of transition and more developed regions but on the contrary, the disparities are constantly deepening;
- b) that the GDP per capita in the NUTS II region “Severozápad” does not grow and get closer to the EU average; this less developed region has not converged at least since the year 2007 and therefore it is necessary to finally identify and correct the flaws in the implementation of cohesion and regional policy so that the region begin to converge with other regions;

3. Therefore, calls on the Government

- a) to modify the “Partnership Agreement for funding period 2021-2027“ in order to designate at least 73 % of the allocation of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and European Social Fund (ESF) in favour of less developed regions in the Czech Republic;

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- b) to revise resolution of the Government on national co-financing of EU funds to respect regional disparities and objectives of cohesion policy and allocate a larger share of national funding to less-developed regions in order to reduce regional disparities and meet cohesion policy objectives;
- c) to implement necessary measures to reduce regional inequalities largely from national resources or significantly apply this criterion when allocating grants titles;
- d) to take into account, when implementing cohesion policy, the letter sent to the Prime Minister in February 2022 by the Subcommittee on Regions in Transformation of the Committee on Public Administration, Regional Development and the Environment and previous Senate resolutions on structurally affected regions, including the 20 recommendations from the Senate's public hearing on "The situation in structurally affected regions";

II.

- 1. Requests** the Government to inform the Senate no later than on 31st December 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.

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