



SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 4th session held on 14th December 2022

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a common framework for media services in the internal market (European Media Freedom Act) and amending Directive 2010/13/EU /Senate Print no. N 207/13, COM(2022) 457/

The Senate

I.

1. Supports

- measures aimed at promoting the independence and freedom of media and protection from external political pressure;
- guarantees for the independent functioning of public service media;
- the introduction of common requirements for the allocation of public funds for the procurement of advertising by the State to media service providers, which include the provision of public funds according to transparent, objective, proportionate and non-discriminatory criteria;
- the intention to organise a structured dialogue between providers of very large online platforms, media service providers and representatives of the civil society;

2. Appreciates, in particular, the effort

- to provide information on media ownership and the overall increase in transparency of the ownership structure and financing of media services, however, draws attention to the need to apply this obligation also to micro enterprises;
- to ensure adequate and stable financial resources for public service media providers to fulfil their public service mission and to safeguard editorial independence; the Senate is also convinced of the importance of transparent support for private media;

3. In accordance with the Position of the Government supports the need

- to clarify the legal basis of the Proposal for the Regulation;
- to narrow the scope of persons to whom the protection should apply according to Article 4(2)(b);
- to clarify competences of the European Board for Media Services;

II.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate no later than on 31st March 2023 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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Senate Verifier