

Opinion of the Committee on European Affairs

by virtue of Article 145 of Resolution 10/2014 (II.24.) OGY on certain provisions of the Rules of Procedure

concerning the communication on the European Commission Work Programme 2017

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The Committee

- recalling the exchange of views on the Work Programme (CWP 2017) with Commissioner Tibor Navracsics at the Committee meeting of 28 November 2016;
- declares its position that out of the 21 new initiatives envisaged in CWP 2017 the discussion of the following proposals represents high priority:
 - the implementation of the Energy Union Strategy, with particular attention to the security of supply and the importance of the maintenance of the affordable energy prices;
 - the European Pillar of Social Rights which respects the diversity of the national practices and complements Member States' policies;
 - the implementation of the European Agenda on Migration which besides the effective protection of external borders – gives high priority to the establishment of the new migration partnership framework with third countries;
- looks forward to the Multiannual Financial Framework beyond 2020, which should take into account the budgetary implications of Brexit by preserving the scale of the Cohesion Policy and the Common Agricultural Policy;
- is convinced that the implementation of the Single Market Strategy and the Digital Single Market Strategy could provide great opportunities for the growth of enterprises as well as the barrier-free and secure access to the online services;
- furthermore deems it necessary that the objectives of the Package on Circular Economy regarding the landfill and waste recovery should respect the fiscal capacities of the Member States.