



**Hungarian National Assembly
Committee on European Affairs**

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 2023
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The Committee

- recalling the exchange of views on the Commission Work Programme 2023 with Mr Mátyás Maksi, Acting Head of European Commission Representation in Hungary at the Committee meeting of 21 November 2022;
- points out that illegal Russian invasion of Ukraine is causing increasing loss of human lives and devastation, while also having negative impacts on the daily lives of people in Europe;
- supports the restoration of sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine, as well as the immediate cease-fire and the just peace; considers continued humanitarian and financial assistance to Ukraine to be a top priority;
- reaffirms the need for unified action by the Union to tackle the growing number of global and regional challenges and strengthening consensus among EU Member States and in this regard rejects attempts to limit unanimous decision-making in the Council;
- welcomes the EU candidate status of Ukraine, Moldova and Bosnia and Herzegovina and looks forward to the European Commission country reports of 2023 autumn. Considers the protection of national minority rights of utmost importance, which is a fundamental condition for the accession of new members as enshrined by the Treaties and the Copenhagen criteria. Welcomes the conditions set out in the European Commission's report for the protection of these rights in the candidate countries;
- draws the attention to the fact, in order to tackle the energy crisis and strengthen the EU strategic autonomy, all Member States must have early access to funds under the so-called national recovery plans, including adopted REPowerEU chapter, which aims at the diversification of EU energy supply;
- supports the European Green Deal, but at the same time considers it necessary to take into account the different starting points of the EU Member States, for example in the case of use of plant protection products or the extension of scope of urban waste water treatment;
- is convinced that the promotion of European way of life is facilitated by enhancing the security of EU citizens, therefore supports the strengthening of

EU external borders and effective action against illegal migration flows and human trafficking networks;

- takes the view that the draft regulation on the European Media Freedom Act submitted in defence of European democracy, is fundamentally limiting the competence of the Member States in the field of media, while at same time applying the argument and approach of internal market in an area where, for linguistic, cultural and historical reasons, a common Union framework is not justified.

Budapest, 6 March 2023