



*Parlamentul României*  
*Senat*

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**OPINION**  
**OF THE SENATE OF ROMANIA**

**on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - An EU Strategy on adaptation to climate change - COM (2013) 216 final**

Taking into account the joint report of the Committee for European Affairs and of the Committee for Public Administration, Organization of the Territory and Protection of the Environment, the plenum of the Senate, during its session of 17th June 2013, has decided that the Senate appreciates as positive the intervention of the European Commission in this field and supports the following:

- a) Considering the complexity of the adaptation process to the effects of climate changes, the action at national level is essential, the principle of subsidiarity being respected. The national plans and strategies for adaptation are the key instruments as regards the registration of real progresses, and in this meaning, the EU Strategy is a support to complete and sustain the measures at national level;
- b) For Romania, there are extremely important the support actions that allow the financement of measures regarding the Adaptation included in the LIFE+ component, which will permit the implementation of the National Strategy on Climate Changes (2013-2020), in which the component of Adaptation to the effects of climate changes holds an important role;
- c) It is appropriate to include the adaptation measures in the multiannual financial framework for the period 2014-2020. The European funds will act as a catalyzer for obtaining investments and will facilitate the implementation of measures at national level;
- d) The implementation of an efficient adaptation policy, as well as the adoption and application of necessary measures for the reduction of effects generated by the climate changes involve the use of considerable financial, technical and human resources and a high level of risk;
- e) The European Platform of Adaptation to the effects of climate changes (CLIMATE-ADAPT) is an important step through an efficient exchange system of information at the level of Member States.

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