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Senat

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OPINION

Regarding the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – “A Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe” – COM (2015) 192 final

Romanian Senate has examined the **Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – “A Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe” – COM (2015) 192 final** under the Protocol (no. 1) annexed to the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community signed in Lisbon on 13 December 2007.

Considering the European Affairs Committee of 7 December 2015, Plenum of the Senate found that:

1. Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe sets out future legislative changes that will occur in the following three areas:
 - a) facilitate cross-border access to online goods and services;
 - b) improving networks and digital services;
 - c) maximizing the growth potential of the European Digital Economy.
2. It is appropriate to start national consultations and to prepare preliminary elements position.
3. The European Commission should present concrete measures it wants to implement objectives.
4. The European Commission must ensure the factors which generating cohesion within the European Union and should not be focused on penalizing savings that are geographically and technologically isolated.
5. Legislative measures must balance the objectives and need not overregulated a constantly evolving sector. Also bear in mind and ensure a balance between intellectual property rights, on the one hand and the rights and interests of the public (including the right of access to information and freedom of expression), on the other

hand. These measures should be based on a public document containing analysis of e-government for all Member States.

6. European Commission's initiatives in the cloud computing areas at European level are appreciated and very important, but should be consulted Member States in terms of storage, processing and degree of secrecy and access.
7. We suggest that the European Commission would
 - a) provide the necessary tools to ensure the right resource conservation National Communication Strategy;
 - b) to stimulate infrastructure investment in broadband electronic communications;
 - c) engage in a comprehensive reform of e-health;
 - d) ensure the existence of a single regulator in the European Union and the tools that will be placed at its disposal;
 - e) ensure aid schemes in order:
 - i. reduce the digital and technological divide between Member States;
 - ii. increase digital literacy, the skills and the number of jobs in the digital sector;
 - iii. increasing digitization of public administration;
 - iv. promote innovation, research and development;
 - v. stimulate investment in broadband electronic communications infrastructure.

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