



Parlamentul României
Senat

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**OPINION
of the ROMANIAN SENATE**

regarding the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Draft 2015 Joint Report of the Council and the Commission on the implementation of the renewed framework for European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018)

COM(2015) 429 final

The Romanian Senate examined the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Draft 2015 Joint Report of the Council and the Commission on the implementation of the renewed framework for European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018) - COM(2015) 429 final - according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no. 1). Based on the report of November 18, 2015 of our permanent Committee on European Affairs, the plenum of the Senate, during its session of November 23, 2015, decided as follows:

- With regard to future priorities, the European framework for renewed cooperation can help identifying sustainable solutions to combat youth unemployment, reinforcing social inclusion and preventing radical attitudes.
- We consider that the Commission's report may include guidelines that better reflect national priorities, as follows:
 - increasing social inclusion of all young people, especially those from NEETs category (that are neither in employment nor education or training), young Roma people and those from migrant families;
 - enable labor market integration for all young people, including by complying with the principle of free movement of workers within the EU;
 - Use of financial resources from several categories of the MFF, allocating funds for socio-professional integration of young migrants, taking into consideration that the Commission's Communication mentions only opportunities for young people offered through the European Social Fund and Erasmus +.
- We appreciate that it is appropriate to recognize the added value of the COSME programme - Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) (especially the Young Entrepreneurs measure), the Europe for Citizens programme and Youth for the Eastern Partnership programme.

President of the Senate

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