

PARLIAMENT OF ROMANIA

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

DECISION

**approving the Opinion on the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste
COM(2015) 594**

Pursuant to Articles 67 and 148 of the Romanian Constitution, republished, Law No 373/2013 on cooperation between Parliament and the Government in the area of European affairs, and Rules 160 to 185 of the Rules of Procedure of the Chamber of Deputies, approved by Decision No 8/1994 of the Chamber of Deputies, republished, as amended,

the Chamber of Deputies hereby adopts this Decision:

Sole Article.

Having regard to Opinion No 4 c-19/259, adopted by the Committee for European Affairs at its meeting of 15 March 2016, the Chamber of Deputies:

1. notes that the waste management infrastructure is incomplete partly as a result of policies that took insufficient account of the specific circumstances of less developed communities agrees that setting landfill reduction targets will further facilitate separate collection, sorting and recycling of waste and avoid locking potentially recyclable materials at the bottom of the waste hierarchy, but points out that such an impact will be possible only if consideration is given to encouraging community-based approaches and refraining from fostering centralised, large-area integrated management systems where socio-economic circumstances do not necessarily lend themselves to such solutions;
2. takes the view that the preparatory consultations to be held at expert level with a view to adapting the Annexes to Directive 1999/31/EC to scientific and technical progress pursuant to Article 16 should not go beyond what is necessary in terms of the material and human resources used and should ensure youth participation as yet another way of helping create jobs for young people, and calls for those consultations to involve experts with direct experience in the field, from as many Member States as possible;
3. supports the approach under which, to prevent detrimental impacts on human health and the environment, Member States should take all necessary measures to ensure that only waste that has been subject to treatment is landfilled, and welcomes in particular the emphasis that compliance with this obligation should not lead to the creation of overcapacity in the treatment of residual municipal waste;
4. welcomes the provision giving Estonia, Greece, Croatia, Latvia, Malta, Romania and Slovakia five additional years to meet the target referred to in paragraph (5) [of Article 5 of the Directive], but takes the view that the challenges will be considerable even in these circumstances;

5. calls on the Commission to mainstream issues relating to biodiversity protection in general and soil biodiversity protection in particular, especially into its legislative and non-legislative initiatives on municipal waste management, given the direct impact on them;

6. acknowledges that the objectives of the proposal can be achieved only through measures at EU level and that the proposal does not go beyond what is necessary and therefore complies with the subsidiarity principle.

This Decision was adopted by the Chamber of Deputies at its sitting of 30 March 2016, in compliance with Article 76(2) of the Romanian Constitution, republished.

President of the Chamber of Deputies
Valeriu-Ştefan Zgonea

Bucharest, 30 March 2016

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