

PARLIAMENT OF ROMANIA

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

DECISION

approving the Opinion on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Accelerating Europe's transition to a low-carbon economy

Communication accompanying measures under the Energy Union Framework Strategy: legislative proposal on binding annual greenhouse gas emissions reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030, legislative proposal on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry into the 2030 climate and energy framework and communication on a European Strategy for low-emission mobility

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Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 67 and 148 of the Romanian Constitution, republished, of Law No 373/2013 on cooperation between Parliament and the Government in the area of European affairs, and of Rules 160 to 185 of the Rules of Procedures of the Chamber of Deputies, republished,

the Chamber of Deputies hereby adopts this Decision.

Sole Article. Having regard to Opinion No 4c-19/1146 adopted by the Committee for European Affairs at its meeting of 4 October 2016, the Chamber of Deputies:

1. Welcomes the objective of introducing accounting rules in relation to biomass sourced from forest management, so as to provide a solid basis for Europe's renewables policy and the further development of the bio-economy after 2020.
2. Welcomes the approach of making the most of the synergies between the transport and energy systems and calls for better integration of scientific research in the two fields in order to achieve a momentum that would allow the innovative solutions identified to be brought to market as rapidly as possible.
3. Points out that, although cities are among the most dynamic and innovative actors in implementing a low-carbon, circular economy, rural communities can play their crucial role in providing sustainable natural resources and protecting the environment for future generations only if the risk of poverty is radically reduced and if the highest possible proportion of the population has access to basic services and education; if the Chamber considers that EU efforts to ensure those basic needs should be a priority.
4. Points out the need to ensure not only the flexibility but also the fairness of the system through which Member States will have the possibility of reducing emissions jointly, and supports the need both to establish a mechanism for the trading of emissions allocations between Member States and to develop common projects that lead to the expected results as soon as possible.
5. Considers that the objective of establishing a means of attracting financing into buildings renovation should be accompanied by a careful assessment of the impact of construction activity on the environment and by the development of specific guidelines designed to

ensure a building coverage ratio for land that is limited to what is necessary for economic or social purposes and to avoid the removal of areas from the natural land cover, thereby respecting the objectives of the Union on protection of soil biodiversity.

6. Considers that the measures to support leadership in clean technologies should involve the business sector as much as possible, and include support for technological and environmental education in order to achieve not only leadership in the field but also sustainability of leadership and a significant beneficial impact on the quality of life of European citizens.
7. It welcomes the European Commission's intention to finalise an industry-wide voluntary recycling protocol for construction and demolition waste and recommends that, at the same time, consideration should also be given to encouraging scientific research and implementing the results of such research as regards construction technologies and bio-architecture.
8. Considers that improving the capacity to bring innovations to market and make them commercially successful will be enhanced by much stronger support for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and by making the most of the entrepreneurial abilities of young people.
9. Expresses its disagreement with the assertion that the Union's financial instruments make a significant contribution to combating climate change since it considers that there is no sound evidence as to the impact of the European Fund for Strategic Investments in this regard.

This Decision was adopted by the Chamber of Deputies at its sitting of 18 October 2016 in compliance with Article 16(2) of the Romanian Constitution, republished.

**PRESIDENT
OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES**

Florin Iordache

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