# PARLIAMENT OF ROMANIA

## **CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES**

#### **DECISION**

adopting 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 - 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-19/1147 adopted by the Committee for European Affairs at its meeting of 4 October 2016, the Chamber of Deputies:

- 1. Supports the stated objective of the European Commission to reduce barriers to the self-generation, storage and consumption of renewable electricity, and in particular the expected result of facilitating consumers' ability to use electricity generated from their own solar panels for charging vehicles.
- 2. Recommends that the measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from urban transport should be accompanied by measures on maintaining and extending urban green space, including where fragmented into small areas.
- 3. Considers that car labelling, as regards fuel efficiency and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, should include measures to ensure that the information presented in this regard is intelligible for the general public.
- 4. Considers that more reliable comparative validation methods and procedures should be designed in which more independent laboratories participate in order to measure the emissions of motorised road vehicles accurately and more reliably.
- 5. Recalls that there are at least two voluntary standards organisations for the remote transmission of electricity and recommends exploring the possibilities of using this experience of the business sector to achieve the standardisation of charging devices for electric motor vehicles at the EU level.
- 6. Recommends helping small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to participate to the greatest possible extent in the production of components and even vehicles of any kind to accelerate the process of verifying and putting into practice the results of scientific research while at the same time increasing competition.
- 7. Stresses that European river transport should be encouraged more strongly and the causes of its low level of utilisation eliminated.

- 8. Draws attention to the fact that the objectives of scientific research and innovation can be more easily achieved if developing a positive attitude and learning specific skills start at an early age and urges the European Commission to use the experience gained in the harmonisation of Member States' actions when faced with common challenges in order to promote technical and engineering skills as well as digital skills.
- 9. Draws attention to the still under-exploited potential of autonomous robots and commercial drones in achieving the targets relating to a low-carbon economy.
- 10. Draws attention to the need to formulate appropriate measures to reduce the specific, high accident risks of electric vehicles and provide the necessary social training for a new lifestyle, given that electric vehicles will gain a significant share of the market while introducing into daily life other results of technological advances, such as the Internet of Things, the digital economy, etc.
- 11. Considers that the objective of achieving a significant proportion of road transport with zero or low emissions could be even more ambitious if the measures on education and collaboration with the sectors concerned were enhanced at EU level.
- 12. Considers that more should be done at EU level to advance in alternative methods of air transport, such as those based on distributed electric propulsion or others, which are currently at an advanced stage around the world, and urges the European Commission to include in the Agenda on scientific research and innovation in the field of transport objectives for encouraging creativity from the earliest age and more ambitious targets for technologies still at the laboratory stage.
- 13. Recommends the territorially balanced use of 'Horizon 2020' resources so that research projects and their results in the field of low-emission transport are reflected to a greater extent in Member States experiencing difficulties in financing the intense effort required to meet the common targets.

This Decision was adopted by the Chamber of Deputies at its sitting of 18 October 2016 in compliance with Article 76(2) of the Romanian Constitution, republished.

# **PRESIDENT**

## OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

### Florin Iordache