



Parlamentul României

Senat

Bucharest, June 26, 2017

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OPINION of the ROMANIAN SENATE

on the

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**

Establishing a European Pillar of Social Rights

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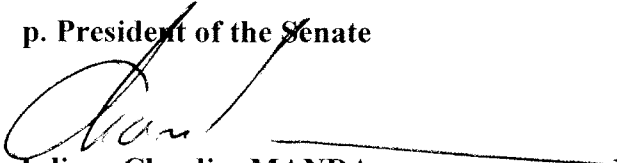
The Romanian Senate, pursuant to art. 67, art. 148 (2) and (3) of the Romanian Constitution and the Protocol no. 1 annexed to the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union, ratified by Law no. 13/2008, has examined the **COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS - Establishing a European Pillar of Social Rights - COM (2017) 250 final**

Considering the Report of the Committee for European Affairs of June 22 2017, **the plenum of the Senate**, during its session on June 26, issued an OPINION, as follows:

- (1) **We consider** that the realization of the European Pillar of Social Rights represent a positive and necessary action.
- (2) **We regret** that the Pillar only includes palliative, marginal measures to combat inequalities in the context of a single European market but with 27 distinct social systems.
- (3) **We express our disappointment** that the effective implementation of the Pillar will mainly be the responsibility of national authorities and social partners that are unequal in their capacity to support their objectives.
- (4) **We support** the maintenance of EU financial support through the 2014 – 2020 operational programs of the European structural and investment funds and other financial programs.

- (5) **We reject** the possible application of the measures included in the European Pillar of Social Rights only to the euro area countries, arguing that the application to the euro area would be contrary to the objective of reducing the differences.
- (6) **We call** on the EU Member States, especially those in the non-euro area, to support the implementation of the proposed measures.

p. President of the Senate



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