

Romanian Parliament

Senate

Bucharest, September, 19, 2017

OPINION

Regarding the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the interoperability of electronic road toll systems and facilitating cross-border exchange of information on the failure to pay road fees in the Union (recast)

COM (2017) 280 final

The Romanian Senate examined the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the interoperability of electronic road toll systems and facilitating cross-border exchange of information on the failure to pay road fees in the Union (recast) – COM (2017) 280 final – according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no. 2).

Taking into account the report of 587/ September, 13, 2017 of our permanent Committee on European Affairs, **the Plenum of the Senate**, during its session of September, 19, 2017, decided as follows:

- 1. This Regulation does not violates principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.
- 2. Within the interoperability of electronic road toll systems and facilitating cross-border exchange of information on the failure to pay road fees in the Union, the following are noted:

The initiative will promote competition by allowing new operators to enter the national markets of electronic road tolling which were formerly monopolistic; it will reduce the regulatory burdens for the road transport industry, thereby increasing its competitiveness sector; it will contribute to

achieving the digital single market and facilitate cross-border travel, thus supporting the free movement of goods and persons.

3. The following are considered necessary and mandatory:

The European Commission is requested to extend deadline for implementation from 18 months to 24 months in the framework of Article 12 (1) and to delete the word "immediately" in the second sentence (*They Shall immediately communicated the text of Those Measures...*) and it is worth noting this word, in fact, a technical error, not found in the translation of the Directive into Romanian.

p. Speaker of the Senate

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