

Parlamentul României Senat

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OPINION

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

Commission Work Programme 2018

An Agenda for a more united, stronger and more democratic Europe COM (2017) 650 final

The Romanian Senate examined the *Commission Work Programme 2018 - COM (2017) 650 final*, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol nr. 1).

Taking into account the opinions of all Standing Committees and the report of the European Affairs Committee, the **Plenum of the Senate**, during its session of February 28, 2018:

- 1. Appreciates the main measures for this year proposed by the European Commission, which consist of ten priorities:
 - The investment plan: a new boost for jobs, growth and investment
 - A connected digital single market
 - A resilient energy union with a forward-looking climate change policy
 - A deeper and fairer internal market with stronger industries
 - A deeper and fairer economic and monetary union
 - A reasonable and balanced free trade agreement with the United States
 - An area of justice and fundamental rights based on mutual trust
 - A new policy on migration
 - Europe as a stronger global actor
 - A European Union of democratic change
- 2. Supports the Commission's intention to finalize the dossiers and complete the amendments before the end of May 2018, in the context of mandate termination of the current Commission.

- 3. Considers the Commission's position to focus its work on the established priorities to be positive, on the basis of the institutional communication actions in 2017-2018, with a specific emphasis on the Roadmap to Sibiu, in order to complete and fulfil the ten priorities of the current Commission.
- 4. Recommends that the Commission continues to promote efforts relating to better regulation and implementation of the interinstitutional agreements.

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