



Parlamentul României

Senat

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OPINION of the ROMANIAN SENATE

On the PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL AMENDING DECISION NO 1313/2013/EU ON A UNION CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM - COM (2017) 772 final

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 **PROPOSAL FOR A DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL AMENDING DECISION NO 1313/2013/EU ON A UNION CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM - COM (2017) 772 final**.

Considering the Report of the Committee for European Affairs of January 31 2018, **the plenum of the Senate**, during its session on 5 February, issued an OPINION, as follows:

(1)We find that the legal basis for the proposal for a decision is based on the provisions of Article 196 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union on civil protection within the Union.

(2)The choice of legal form is the decision, since the European Civil Protection Mechanism has been set up by a decision, and the same legal instrument is also appropriate for amending it.

(3)We find that this proposal for a regulation respects the principle of subsidiarity because the objectives of this proposal for a decision can be better achieved at Union level for reasons of magnitude and effect. Thus, in the event of possible disasters, Member States can not provide a sufficient response on their own, with EU assistance being needed to support and complement their action.

This proposal also introduces measures to ensure consistency and simplification of administrative procedures so as to reduce the time needed to provide vital assistance as well as additional possibilities to strengthen collective preparedness and disaster response capacity.

(4)We find that this proposal respects the principle of proportionality as it does not go beyond what is necessary to achieve the proposed objectives. Also, simplifying certain EU co-financing rates and eliminating co-financing in certain areas will reduce the administrative burden.

(5)We salute:

- a) the Commission's initiative to analyze how post-2020 rules could facilitate, by means of co-financing, the strengthening of disaster response capacities through Cohesion Policy funds used in the context of the European Civil Protection Reserve;
- b) simplification of administrative procedures in support of emergency operations.

(6)We believe that the Commission's proposal is appropriate given the emergency situations with unfortunate consequences in recent years, proposing solutions to the syncope identified in the situations with which the participating States faced both as beneficiaries of the assistance and as participants active in the assistance process of affected states.

p. President of the Senate

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