

*Executive Summary*

**Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on  
Joint Communication to the European Parliament and the Council  
A strategic approach to resilience in the EU's external action  
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The Chamber of Deputies welcomes the initiative of the European institutions to provide an enhanced role to resilience, following increased pressures, shocks and crises which exceed the capacity of any state to find solutions. The Chamber of Deputies supports the approach of resilience, both from the perspective of a political concept built on values, also from the practical, operational perspective. The Chamber of Deputies appreciates that exploiting the transforming dimension of the resilience is an essential element for its successful integration in the external action of the Union and that this success will lead, eventually, to a true “culture of resilience”. In this respect, the Chamber of Deputies appreciates that a structural approach is required to put emphasis on prediction, prevention and preparedness, especially regarding energetic security, hybrid threats and strategic communication. Also, the Chamber of Deputies signals that resilience is not a cure-all solution and that, in order to be credible, will need to establish the precise limits. Furthermore, the Chamber of Deputies points out that, from a certain point of view, there are contradictory definitions of resilience, to the extent that the same action could enhance resilience in a reference system, but weaken it in another system. Also, the Chamber of Deputies draws attention over the fact that, from a certain point of view, resilience can be strengthened also by waiving fundamental principles of the European Union (solidarity, loyal cooperation, onerous means, mean non complying with international law, legislation or good practices in the relation between states, agreements that blatantly disadvantage Member States of the Union or other international organisations created, inter alia, in order to provide resilience). The Chamber of Deputies appreciates that certain concepts, interactions, methods of implementing certain ambitious requirements are not sufficiently clarified, so it is difficult to assess how operationalising and incorporating aspects related to the implementation of resilience will work in practice, in structuring and implementing certain policies. At the same time, the Chamber of Deputies observes that resilience is approached also from the perspective of the individual, at the expense of the main purpose of joint communication. Accordingly, the Chamber of Deputies considers that the same situation could be transposed also at the level of communities and of people having characteristics, sometimes difficult to define, likely to affect resilience.