Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Horizon 2020 interim evaluation: maximising the impact of EU research and innovation COM(2018) 2

The Chamber of Deputies considers that the role of the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme can be enhanced by strongly attracting the business sector, in particular areas requiring structural support and cohesion and recommends the involvement of the programme in sectoral policies from the areas of agriculture and rural development.

The Chamber of Deputies recommends enhancing the flexibility of the Horizon 2020 Framework Programmes, in order to rapidly attract research-innovation initiatives from emerging areas, as well as homogenously encourage diversification of regional and Member States level institutional structures involved in assessment, selection and monitoring, as well as the possible outsourcing of certain administrative processes of the programme's management, in order to take into consideration diversifying the Union and global economy.

None the last, **the Chamber of Deputies** manifests its concern regarding the complexity of organizing information on the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme, which could be considered as excessive by the European general public and recommends the European Commission to take action to ensure a greater visibility of the results and impact of the programme on the Internet and to restrict the volume of balance sheet information, retaining only what is relevant for the European citizen, possibly by designing a webpage corresponding to this general information objective.