



Parlamentul României
Senat

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Courtesy translation

OPINION
of the SENATE of ROMANIA

regarding the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing 'Erasmus': the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013

COM (2018) 367 final

The Romanian Senate examined the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing 'Erasmus': the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 – COM (2018) 367 final - according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no. 2).

Based on the report of September 13th, 2018 of our permanent Committee on European Affairs, the plenum of the Senate, during its session of September 19th, 2018, decided as follows:

- (1) The proposal for a Regulation respects the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.
- (2) Recommends the improvement of the aspects related to the categorization of the countries of destination for mobility based on a more realistic cost assessment, depending on the purchasing power and wage level in each country, as the current proposed form may create a financial impediment of mobility from higher income countries to those with lower incomes. Given that Romania is part of the Group 3 of countries (with low living costs), foreign students/teachers are not encouraged to carry out mobility in our country due to the low level of grants offered (compared to those available to students/teachers who go to Group 1 countries, for example Germany, Austria, Denmark, France, Italy). The differences are even more pronounced in strategic cooperation projects, where Romanian researchers/academics, based on the same differentiated divisions by category of countries, for the same volume and type of activities, benefit from daily net scales that are lower than those allocated to colleagues from other countries.

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