

**PARLIAMENT OF ROMANIA
CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES**

**DECISION
approving the Opinion on the Communication from the Commission to the European
Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee
and the Committee of the Regions
Environmental Implementation Review 2019:
a Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life
COM (2019) 149**

Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 67 and 148 of the Romanian Constitution, republished, of Law No 373/2013 on cooperation between Parliament and the Government in the area of European affairs, and of Articles 160 to 185 of the Rules of Procedures of the Chamber of Deputies, approved by Decision No 8/1994 of the Chamber of Deputies, republished, as amended,

The **Chamber of Deputies** hereby adopts this Decision.

Sole Article – Taking into account the Opinion No 4c-22/257 adopted by the Committee on European Affairs at its meeting of 18 September 2019, the Chamber of Deputies:

1. Supports the Communication on Environmental Implementation Review 2019: a Europe that protects its citizens and enhances their quality of life and appreciates the effort made to produce the synthesis of sectoral environmental reports.
2. Recommends analysing the relevant law-making processes and procedures in line with the socio-economic situation in the Member States, with a view to identifying the most appropriate ways and means of making them more realistic and reducing the risk of breaching the transposition obligations.
3. Recommends the intensification of public consultation efforts, financial support to operational channels, with rapid response, the involvement of citizens and all stakeholders in the process of preparing decisions and the approximation of citizenship policies, as well as the development of preparatory documents or expertise that are public, concise and pragmatic on the subject matter, in support of European policies in this area.

4. Considers that such assessments, even if they inherently focus on the findings, should be more comprehensive and concrete in terms of recommendations, and should include the identification of proven or likely shortcomings in European enforcement rules.

5. Considers that it is necessary to update the policies in this area in order to reflect technical progress, in particular in the fields of renewable energy and energy efficiency.

6. Considers that there is a need for the analysis of European policies and funding strategies in the field of renewable energy, with regard to the access of small and medium-sized enterprises and other funding and single market stakeholders, as well as to ensure full understanding of the technical progress by the evaluators of relevant research projects in the future Horizon Europe programme.

7. Recommends a much bolder and less formal approach to supporting innovation in renewable energy technologies, including new, disruptive technologies, from the concept phase, which is the most risky.

8. Recommends including support for the extension of urban green spaces, parks and urban woodland or planted with trees, as an objective of the European Union's biodiversity strategy, as well as the analysis of reflecting this objective in the Union's comprehensive system of rules covering nature, biodiversity and soil protection.

9. Proposes a sustained encouragement and recommendations for stakeholder involvement and for avoiding the risk of excessive centralism in the management of Natura 2000 sites, as well as supporting the involvement of local communities and environmental organisations in pursuing their conservation objectives.

10. Recommends supporting, in particular, local civil society organisations, in order to avoid monopolistic practices for environmental protection by national or international organisations.

11. Considers that the effective integration of biodiversity objectives into other policies includes encouraging the diversification of crops, less cultivated species and the species and breeds of domestic animals less prevalent in European livestock farming, as well as the identification and exploitation of species naturally occurring in genetic reserves important for ensuring the resilience of agricultural crops.

12. Recalls the relevance of local action in implementing policies beneficial to the protection of European ecosystems in order to halt the continuous loss of biodiversity in the European Union.

13. Recalls the need to encourage local initiatives and concrete conservation measures and rehabilitation of habitats, including at pilot level, and proposes to increase the European Union's contribution by 90 % to the budgets of direct conservation projects.

14. Recommends increasing the transposition efforts of the Union's Geographical Information System (GIS) data bases and socio-economic data sets in order to ensure complementarity with ecosystem mapping.

15. Considers that more attention is needed on restricting to what is necessary and demonstrable in the financing of projects addressing ecosystem services in order to ensure the responsible and efficient use of Union tax payers' duties and taxes.

16. Recommends stepping up efforts at Union level to identify and implement concrete measures to increase air quality in Europe, as regards the preservation of urban green spaces and the establishment of a common target for the proportion occupied by them in the total urban area.

17. Stresses the relevance of obtaining data from multiple sources, including those from citizen science and the efficient flow of data for the implementation of European Union water legislation.

18. Draws attention to the need for a much more open attitude towards environmental objectives in order to respond to specific, local needs and take advantage of the opportunities created by the technological lead.

19. Recommends encouraging environmental innovation, emerging environmental technologies, innovative and unconventional approaches, avoiding the risk of excessive use of resources for debates with imprecise objectives and outcomes and the development of lengthy formal documents.

20. Supports better implementation of environmental rules within the EU as essential for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals agreed in 2015.

21. Stresses that the achievement of environmental and climate objectives is not solely dependent on the implementation of the relevant legislation but requires the integration of environmental considerations into international trade agreements, in particular with Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean.

22. Recommends the comprehensive integration of environmental policies with those on increasing resilience to disasters and public health and reducing the risk of epidemics, including through the TAIEX-EIR P2P tool.

This Decision was adopted by the Chamber of Deputies at its sitting of 24th September 2019, in compliance with Article 76 (2) of the Romanian Constitution, republished.

THE PRESIDENT

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

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