## 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

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The Chamber of Deputies particularly appreciates and supports the development of a robust monitoring framework to help measure the social well-being of citizens "beyond gross domestic product".

The Chamber of Deputies recommends that the transition to a model of renewable growth, giving back more than it takes from the planet, should include Union-wide educational actions to counter the waste of resources by consumers. It also recommends linking the European Data Area to the similar international initiatives in the regions of the world with which the Union has concluded partnerships agreements so as to support scientific diplomacy and trade actions.

Last but not least, it is recommended to adopt measures of protecting urban ecosystems and green areas as the future comprehensive strategy for a sustainable built environment, as well as to encourage the adoption of biotechnologies in rural areas and to enhance collaboration with similar initiatives in other regions of the world, with a view to pooling scientific synergies and trade opportunities.