



Parlamentul României Senat

Bucharest, July 1, 2020

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OPINION of the SENATE of ROMANIA

**on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions
A New Industrial Strategy for Europe
COM (2020) 102 final**

The Romanian Senate examined the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - A New Industrial Strategy for Europe - COM (2020) 102 final, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no. 1).

Taking into account the report of June 26, 2020 of the Committee for European Affairs, **the Plenum of the Senate**, during its session of June 30, 2020

1. Welcomes the launch of the reflection process on the benefits and vulnerabilities of the new Industrial Strategy for Europe.
2. Considers that Europe must become a world leader in the industrial sector in order to generate multiple opportunities for the Europeans citizens, society and economy.
3. Points out that this new Strategy for Europe was designed before the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to a reassessment of it in the light of the new context. This draws attention to the need for European Union action in areas considered to be the responsibility of governments, such as the financing of public health systems and industry in this system. The new requirements included in the European Social Pillar must be taken into account in the adjustments to the strategy. Also, compared to previous industrial strategies, the latest proposal of the European Commission does not bring elements of novelty or concrete measures of correlation between the specified engines, as is the case between the ecological transition and the digital transition.
4. Notes that the deepening of the single market is still seen as a solution to several economic problems, given that the deepening of the single market not only creates

advantages, but also great disadvantages embodied in inequalities, difficult access to the market or the financing of categories of SMEs.

5. Suggests that the Industrial Strategy for Europe must also take into account the local identification of industrial opportunities as a line of action.
6. Requests:
 - a) a clearer correlation of the Industrial Strategy for Europe with the field of lifelong learning and research, which are key areas that can provide both adequate employment and users and consumers of industrial products;
 - b) focusing on a consistent strategy for the reindustrialization of the European Union, not only on the transition of the current industry, in the conditions of new green and smart technologies.

p. President of the Senate
Robert - Marius CAZANCIUC

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized representation of the name Robert - Marius CAZANCIUC.