



Parlamentul României Senat

Bucharest, July 1, 2020

Courtesy translation

OPINION of the SENATE of ROMANIA

on the Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights COM (2020) 225 final


The Romanian Senate examined the Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Decision No 1313/2013/EU on a Union Civil Protection Mechanism – COM (2020) 220 final, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no. 2).

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. Considers that the Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EC) No 168/2007 establishing a European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights – COM (2020) 225 final - respects the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.
2. Notes that:
 - a) the current project proposes to replace the adoption of the Multiannual Financial Framework of the FRA with the adoption of a Multiannual Work Program, which would have been adopted exclusively by the internal procedure of the FRA. [The FRA Multiannual Financial Framework is currently adopted by Council Decision, based on Article 352 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), i.e. on a proposal from the Commission, in consultation with national parliaments and with the consent of the European Parliament];
 - b) the procedure will aim at adopting only the Multiannual Work Program, a document adopted by the Management Board (FRA), with the involvement of the national liaison officers of the Member States to the FRA (they are representatives of the ministries of justice or ministries of affairs of the Member States);
3. Points out that:

- a) the elimination of the adoption of the Multiannual Financial Framework is a change for which not enough arguments have been identified in the Common Approach;
 - b) the reasons why the Multiannual Financial Framework and the Agency's Multiannual Work Program cannot coexist are unclear, especially as they are documents adopted through different procedures and at different legislative and political levels.
4. Recommends the appointment of a Romanian representative on the Management Board of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

p. President of the Senate
Robert - Marius CAZANCIUC

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