



Parlamentul României Senat

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OPINION of the SENATE of ROMANIA

on the Joint Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Renewed partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood A new Agenda for the Mediterranean JOIN(2021) 2 final

The Romanian Senate examined the *Joint Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Renewed partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood - A new Agenda for the Mediterranean - JOIN(2021) 2 final* – according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon Protocol (no. 1).

Taking into account the report of Committee for European Affairs, the Plenary of the Senate, during its session of May 4, 2021,

(1) Actively supports European Neighbourhood policies, mainly towards the Eastern Partner States but also towards the Southern Neighbourhood, according to the strategic interests of ensuring close to the EU's borders a climate of stability, security and well-being. It is also important to ensure the current balance of EU approaches on the eastern and southern vectors.

(2) Considers that the level of cooperation with the Southern Neighbourhood States has to be transversally conditioned by the level of ambition and progress of the partners, their human rights agenda and well-governance.