



Parlamentul României Senat

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OPINION of the SENATE of ROMANIA on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the European defence industry Reinforcement through common Procurement Act COM(2022) 349 final

The Romanian Senate examined the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the European defence industry Reinforcement through common Procurement Act - COM(2022) 349 final - according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon, Protocol (no. 2).

Taking into account the report of the Committee on European Affairs, the Plenary of the Senate, during its session of October 26, 2022,

(1) considers that

- a) defense acquisitions must remain the exclusive responsibility of the member states, an aspect that should be taken into account in the negotiations regarding the establishment of the new financial instruments proposed by the European Commission.
- b) it is important to exclude defence investment expenses from the calculation of the budget deficit, a fact that can encourage joint acquisitions at the EU level.

(2) recommends

- a) a clearer definition of the role of the European Defense Agency, an agency that can support member states in the collaborative acquisition process due to its expertise in relation to the defence industry, as well as the facilitation of obtaining exemptions from the payment of value added tax for military equipment purchased in common.
- b) a gradual approach to the implementation of EU programs dedicated to stimulating joint acquisitions in the field of defence.
- c) that in article 6, paragraph 2, the principles or the mechanism underlying the determination of the "adequate amount" and the "incentive effect" should be detailed within the regulation.