

PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC Chamber of Deputies Ondřej Benešík Chairman Committee on European Affairs

Prague, 19th March 2024

Dear Ms. President,

I would like to inform you about the opinion of the Committee on European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

on the Amended Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context /Council Code 16805/23, COM(2023) 790/.

The respective documents were included in the agenda of the 41st session of the Committee on European Affairs and was scrutinized on 13th March 2024. According to the Rules of Procedure the representative of the Ministry of Regional Development was present at the session to introduce the preliminary Government's Framework Position.

After the hearing of the rapporteur's review and after the discussion the Committee has adopted the **Resolution No. 293 in the context of the Political Dialogue** which is enclosed to this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Ms. Ursula von der Leyen President of the European Commission B r u s s e l s

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Resolution No. 293

41st Session on 13 March 2024

Amended Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context /Council Code 16805/23, COM(2023) 790/

Conclusions of the Resolution:

Committee for European Affairs

1. **takes note of** the Amended Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mechanism to resolve legal and administrative obstacles in a cross-border context;

2. **welcomes** efforts to remove administrative and legal obstacles caused by different legislative arrangements of neighboring countries, including in the field of employment, public transport, health care and institutional cooperation, which represent the main reason for insufficient use of the development potential of border regions;

3. appreciates the extensive use of data from lessons learned to identify cross-border barriers;
4. supports the skeptical Government's Framework Position of the of the Czech Republic regarding this document;

5. **draws attention** to the problematic aspects of the Proposal of the Regulation, in particular to:

- the reality of the declared voluntariness of the application of the mechanism due to the legal nature of the document,

- setting unrealistic deadlines for the notification of newly established Cross-Border Coordination Centers (CCPs) due to the length of national legislative processes,

- the administrative complexity of the establishment and operation of PKM and their unclear financial security;

6. **draws attention** to concerns about the low applicability of the proposed mechanism in the conditions of the Czech Republic;

7. **authorizes** the chairman of the Committee on European Affairs to inform about this Resolution the President of the European Commission in the framework of the political dialogue.