

Opinion of the Committee on European Affairs

by virtue of Article 145 of Resolution 10/2014 (II.24.) OGY on certain provisions of the Rules of Procedure

concerning the communication on the European Commission Work Programme 2019

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The Committee

- recalling the exchange of views on the Work Programme (CWP 2019) with Mr Tibor Navracsics, Commissioner responsible for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport at the Committee meeting of 10 December 2018;
- welcomes that in preparation to the Brexit the European Commission has put forward the legislative, delegated and other proposals necessary for avoiding possible legal uncertainties as well as for preserving the integrity and proper functioning of the single market;
- stresses that in relation to the tackling of migration challenges the strengthening of external border protection still enjoys priority and in relation to the reform package on the common asylum system a horizontal agreement should be achieved instead of separating of the proposals;
- with regard to the post 2020 Multi Annual Financial Framework holds the adequate protection of traditional EU policies (Cohesion policy, Common Agricultural Policy) in a balanced way vitally important, furthermore doesn't find the political agreement prior to autumn 2019 a real objective;
- considers the initiatives, in particular, on transition to qualified majority voting in tax policy, social policy and certain aspects of external relations premature and unprepared;
- agrees with the unique character of single market for stimulating growth, however notes that the implementation of certain elements of the mobility package and the European Pillar of Social Rights may create newer dividing lines between Member States and may reduce the competitiveness of the Union;
- notes with satisfaction that the Communication on the role of subsidiarity and proportionality in EU policymaking was adopted by the European Commission, however urges for more efficient procedures and more substantive dialogue in yellow card procedures and in cases where, concerning the same proposal, several reasoned opinion were adopted by national Parliaments.