

SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 8th session held on 9th April 2025

on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: A simpler and faster Europe: Communication on implementation and simplification /Senate Print no. K 013/15, COM (2025) 47/

The Senate

I.

1. Considers

- reducing the administrative and other regulatory burdens imposed by EU law to be an important task for all EU institutions and Member States, because unnecessary or disproportionate administrative burden undermines not only competitiveness but also public support for European integration;
- it necessary to ensure consistent and non-discriminatory monitoring of the fulfilment of obligations arising from EU law, not only in terms of checking whether Member States have adopted implementing legislation but also in terms of their actual fulfilment;

2. Is aware that

all legal regulation necessarily entails costs, but these should be proportionate to the benefits of the regulation and to the possibilities of the entities affected by it;

3. Supports

the objectives set out in the Communication, but stresses that achieving them requires a much more consistent and transparent approach than in the case of previous Commission initiatives, which have yielded only limited results and have often been outweighed by extending regulation into new areas and deepening it;

1. Supports

the targets set for reducing administrative burdens for businesses by 25% and for small and medium enterprises by 35% by 2029;

2. Emphasizes, however,

that in order to actually meet these targets, the Commission should

- explain in more detail what types of regulatory burdens and costs it will monitor under these targets and what methodology will be used to quantify the reduction in administrative burden;
- include in the assessment the administrative burden caused by all EU legal acts, including newly adopted ones;
- compare the burden estimates provided in the impact assessment of its proposals with the adopted legislation and its impact in practice;

3. Recalls

that the Commission has not yet communicated clear criteria according to which it applies the 'one-in one-out' principle, so that the effectiveness of this approach cannot be assessed;

4. Expects

that the reports by individual Commissioners on progress in implementing the Communication, as well as the Commission's summary reports, will be published in all official EU languages;

5. Emphasizes

the need to collect and share accurate and detailed information on the real impacts of EU law in the Member States, as well as the need for the Commission to systematically reflect on identified difficulties or inefficiencies of EU law in the policy-making process and to adapt the objectives and instruments of these policies accordingly;

6. Supports

a more intensive dialogue between the Commission and the Member States aimed at facilitating the national implementation of EU law;

7. Emphasizes

that the legislative-technical quality and the overall political, administrative-technical and legal soundness of legal acts will also contribute to the simplification and reduction of administrative burdens, as well as to the effective implementation of EU law;

8. Calls on the Government

to avoid unjustified gold-plating when implementing EU law, in accordance with the Methodological Guidelines for Ensuring Work in Fulfilling Legislative Obligations Resulting from the Czech Republic's Membership of the EU;

1. Requests the Government

- to inform the Senate, in connection with the Government Position, which provisions of EU law it believes could be repealed without replacement and how significant an administrative burden do these provisions represent;
- to inform the Senate no later than on 30 September 2025 about the way this Resolution was taken into account;

2. Authorises

the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission.

Miloš Vystrčil sign manual President of the Senate

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