

ROMANIAN PARLIAMENT

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

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DECISION

to adopt the Opinion on the

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions

Securing our future

Europe's 2040 climate target and path to climate neutrality by 2050 building a sustainable, just and prosperous society

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Under the provisions of Article 67 and Article 148 of the Constitution of Romania, republished, of Law No 373/2013 on the cooperation between the Parliament and the Government in the field of European Affairs, and of Articles 164-189 of the Regulation of the Chamber of Deputies, approved by the Decision of the Chamber of Deputies No 8/1994, republished, with subsequent amendments and completions,

The Chamber of Deputies adopts this Decision.

Sole article. – Having regard to the Opinion No 4c-22/325 adopted by the Committee on European Affairs during its meeting on May 21st, 2024, the Chamber of Deputies:

1. Supports the Communication from the Commission on securing our future – Europe's 2040 climate target and path to climate neutrality by 2050 building a sustainable, just and prosperous society.

2. Stresses the need for a large contribution from schools and civil society organisations to the training of labour force and entrepreneurs with knowledge and skills in all relevant areas to ensure investments on the path of climate neutrality.

3. Draws attention over the need to use the financial resources of the European Union in investment and education projects bringing a concrete and measurable contribution to the reduction of human pressure over the climate, with a direct and tangible impact in this sense, avoiding prolonged debates with uncertain objectives and projects limited to raising awareness. 4. Recommends the analysis of major programmes of the European Union, such as Horizon Europe or Erasmus+ in regard to the added value of projects dedicated to combating climate change and their actual impact.

5. Recommends establishing control mechanisms of the results of activities of enterprises dedicated to carbon neutrality.

6. Recommends increasing efforts dedicated to sustainable consumption of textile materials and their recycling, including through small-scale initiatives.

7. Recommends using the experience of the Member State that have recently joined the European Union to support candidate countries in aligning to the European Union climate law and policies.

8. Recommends identifying the input that new technologies, in particular the artificial intelligence, drones and remote sensing, as well as other emerging technologies, that are widely applied, could quickly bring to the achievement of climate neutrality objectives.

9. Recommends analysing the impact of demographic change on the climate footprint of households and consequently on the European Union's climate neutrality policies.

10. Recommends that mechanisms to support the connection of rural and remote regions across the Union be established as soon as possible in order to facilitate their development, in the context of their progress towards climate neutrality.

11. Proposes that European policies aimed at increasing the energy efficiency of buildings should incorporate objectives of protecting the environment and enhancing the aesthetic value of the human habitat.

12. Stresses the importance of recycling rare metals, such as lithium, for equipment used in energy, taking into consideration the low supply and high demand.

13. Recommends that platforms dedicated to climate change education should be more targeted towards concrete objectives, leading to the dissemination of knowledge that can be harnessed directly in learning communities and the strengthening of the European Education Area.

14. Recalls that further efforts are needed to make repair, refurbishment, reuse and recycling of products, with a view to extending their functional life, the norm.

This Decision was adopted by the Chamber of Deputies during its session on June 3^{rd} , 2024, in compliance with the provisions of Article 76 (2) of the Constitution of Romania, republished.

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