



## SENATE OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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### RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 17<sup>th</sup> session held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European parliament and of the Council establishing the European Fund for economic, social and territorial cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security for the period 2028-2034 and amending Regulation (EU) 2023/955 and Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 /Senate Print No. N 094/15, COM (2025) 565/**

#### The Senate

#### I.

##### 1. Perceives positively

- the declared objective to simplify the architecture of funds under shared management and to strengthen performance elements;
- the intention to reduce the number of national programmes and to create only 27 National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRP plans);
- the setting of a minimum allocation for less developed regions at the EU level from the amount designated for NRP plans;
- the increase in financial resources for the area of Home Affairs, considering political developments in migration and security in recent years and the need to respond to new challenges;

##### 2. However, is of the opinion that the proposed consolidation of different policies (Cohesion Policy, Common Agricultural Policy, Home Affairs) into a single framework may lead to increased complexity of the system and its centralisation, and may not represent a genuine simplification for the Member States and beneficiaries of the support;

##### 3. Does not support

- an increase in the EU budget without clearly defined and sustainable resources, as well as further EU borrowing;
- the reduction of the share of traditional policies within the MFF, and emphasises that cohesion policy must remain a priority for the Czech Republic;

#### **4. Requests**

- regional differentiation of support/co-financing rates according to the level of development of NUTS II regions within the NRP plan;
- concentration of support on a limited number of clear objectives (3–5) and the use of predominantly capital investments with a multiplier effect, which attract additional private investments, boost local economic performance, and deliver more than a one-off grant; so-called “soft” activities should serve only as a complement to these investments;
- the maintenance of genuine flexibility for the Member States without excessive “budgetary cushion”, which would come at the expense of predictability;
- that the European Territorial Cooperation (Interreg) is primarily targeted at the immediate border areas and so-called “hard cross-border projects”, such as infrastructure, integrated rescue system, healthcare, or labour mobility;

#### **5. Supports the Government in**

- defending budgetary frugality;
- advocating the maintenance, and possibly strengthening, of the Cohesion Policy within the MFF and setting of mandatory national minima for less developed regions;
- striving to reduce administrative burden (introduction of harmonised forms, harmonisation of controls and audits, etc.) and clearly define the roles of implementing authorities;
- insisting on a prudent use of the performance model, i.e., the establishment of meaningful and measurable indicators that are not based on the formalism of the current Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), and on preserving the possibility of reimbursing actual costs in areas where the performance model is not appropriate;

## **II.**

### **1. Requests** the Government to inform the Senate

- a. no later than on 30 June 2026, about the way this Resolution was taken into account, and about the further development of negotiations, particularly in the case the submitted proposal should be substantially amended;
- b. about the main parameters of the Czech NRP plan (concentration of support, regional differentiation, indicators, governance framework, financing);

### **2. Authorises** the President of the Senate to forward this Resolution to the European Commission.

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President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier