



Hungarian National Assembly
Committee on European Affairs

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 2021
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The Committee

- recalling the exchange of views on the Work Programme with Mr. Gábor Zupkó, head of the European Commission Representation in Hungary at the Committee meeting of 26 October 2020;
- notes that COVID-19 pandemic has brought unprecedented challenges for the Union and its Member States; believes that is essential to adopt the adequate and effective measures tackling the health, social and economic impacts of the pandemic;
- in this context, welcomes the agreement of the Union Institutions on the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021-2027 and the Recovery Fund;
- stresses, that fair burden-sharing should be respected in the course of the implementation of the climate targets, while taking into account the different starting points of the Member States;
- takes the view that the commence of negotiations on the proposal for legal migration should be made dependent upon the results of the negotiations on the migration and asylum pact;
- agrees with the Union level regulation of digital transition, including the security and liability aspects of data-sharing and artificial intelligence, as well as ensuring the respect for private life. Welcomes the fact that the European Commission committed itself to update the horizontal rules that define the responsibilities and obligations of providers of digital services, and online platforms in particular;
- expresses its concerns regarding the aspirations on the full implementation of European Pillar of Social Rights, since these areas are referred to the competence of the Member States by the Union Treaties, with special attention to social benefits, employment and pay policy;

- welcomes that the mandate of the Council concerning the conference on the Future of Europe recognizes the role of national parliaments with reference to the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs of Parliaments of the European Union (COSAC);
- further calls upon the representatives of the Council, the Commission and the European Parliament that the followings should be observed by the joint declaration concerning the conference on the Future of the Europe: the recognition of the Union and Member States competences as stipulated by the Treaties. In addition, it should also be observed that any changes to the competences requires the amendment of the Treaties.

Budapest, 22 February 2021