

**Executive Summary**  
**Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on**  
**Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the**  
**European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – An**  
**initiative to support work-life balance for working parents and carers**  
**COM(2017) 252**  
**and**  
**Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on**  
**Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on work-life**  
**balance for parents and carers and repealing Council Directive 2010/18/EU**  
**COM(2017) 253**

The Chamber of Deputies salutes the advance in the strengthening process of the social dimension of the EU, endorsed by the European Pillar of Social Rights and the initiative especially dedicated to supporting work-life balance for working parents and carers and recommends, in this context, establishing a harmonized support framework, possibly of a recommendatory nature, for parents having under care more than one child and are dealing with a difficult socio-economic situation.

Underlines problems of education as an essential point in work-life balance, and also underlines extracurricular educational activities and draws attention over the objective of developing infrastructure dedicated to child-raising.

The Chamber of Deputies draws attention on paternal leave option's importance, determined not only by economic factors, but also by socio-cultural factors.

Also, it signals supplementary difficulties which microbusinesses and persons practicing liberal professions might have in implementing the provisions of the directive and recommends the regulation of a wider space for negotiation for this kind of situations.