



SENATE
OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC
13TH TERM

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RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

Delivered on the 12th Session held on the 9th June 2021

on Green Paper on Ageing Fostering solidarity and responsibility between generations (Senate Print no. K 021/13, COM (2021) 50)

The Senate

I.

1. Got acquainted

with the Green Paper on Ageing Fostering solidarity and responsibility between generations, and notes that the Senate takes most seriously the mentioned prognosis of development and related challenges for public policies and society in general;

2. Believes

that Member States of the EU face similar challenges related to an ageing population, such as the need to ensure adequate, fair and sustainable pension systems and to prepare education, healthcare and long-term care systems for an ageing population, and points to significant area for exchange of experience and sharing good practice at EU level;

3. Recognizes

a special role that informal carers play in the long-term care system, and emphasizes that informal carers are usually women, who may be affected by a lower income at retirement age due to carrying out this role and due to career breaks;

4. Calls, therefore, upon the Government

to take into account in an adequate manner the economic and social benefits of informal carers, to support them in their difficult role and to reflect their activities properly in the context of pension reform;

5. Strongly draws the attention of the Government

to the fact that the Czech Republic has long been criticized because:

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- it has not yet proceeded with a comprehensive pension reform that would ensure the long-term stability of public finances in the light of the demographic development;
- the process of calculating pensions in the Czech Republic is insufficiently transparent and incomprehensible to the general public;

6. Is convinced that

- in the light of the above mentioned, it is not possible to delay the pension reform any longer;
- there is a need to properly prepare healthcare and long-term care systems for an increase in ageing population and to stimulate a broad public debate on the challenges of an ageing population and the opportunities of the silver economy;
- it is necessary to promote the importance of intergenerational solidarity in the debate;

II.

1. Requests

the Government to inform the Senate no later than on 30 November 2021 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
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President of the Senate

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Senate Verifier