

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

European Wind Power Action Plan

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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-22/256 adopted by the Committee on European Affairs during its meeting on April 16th, 2024, the Chamber of Deputies:

- 1. Supports the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions referring to the European Wind Power Action Plan.
- 2. Recommends supporting scientific research for the development of new wind energy technologies that make limited use of raw materials to which Europe has difficult access, such as copper, rare earth, steel, nickel, glass fiber or silicon.
- 3. Recommends encouraging scientific research and profoundly innovative technologies for wind energy, especially on a small scale.
- 4. Recommends support for the European wind power capacity industry, the local horizontal wind power components industry in all Member State where such projects exist.
- 5. Proposes to develop recommendations concerning the design of national tender aimed at the development of energy from renewable sources for the inclusion in the specifications of criteria corresponding to European environmental standards and resilience of the supply chain.

- 6. Recommends the strengthening of the European area of education and intergovernmental cooperation necessary to identify organisational measures to increase the number of seats in educational units that train the skilled workers and engineers required for the wind energy sector.
- 7. Recommends the extension of the European Union Innovative Fund to support innovative small-scale wind energy projects, in particular in remote, disadvantaged rural areas, those dependent on fisheries and those in decline or ageing.
- 8. Proposes consideration of the defence of wind power plants against terrorist or military aggression, along with combating cyber security risks and addressing data protection issues, especially in the vicinity of conflict zones.
- 9. Recommends the periodic analysis of the impact of the unpredictability of wind energy sources on the energy market.
- 10. Recommends the initiation of a programme to support the improvement of the aesthetic appearance of wind power generators in order to fit into a pleasant human habitat and natural landscape.
- 11. Recommends assessing the impact of wind turbine noise and its threat to wildlife, depending on the ecosystem affected and in relation to the connectivity to the Natura 2000 network.
- 12. Underlines the need for an intense and honest cooperation between Member States in order to support the European Commission in monitoring and combating unfair commercial practices benefitting foreign wind energy producers.
- 13.Expresses its reserve about the use of Erasmus+ resources for a sectoral plan for skills in the renewable energy sector, because its resources can be much more efficiently used to meet smaller and specific skills needs, while the European Union's investment and technical assistance instruments have more generous and investment-friendly resources.
- 14. Recommends that the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform establish a specific regime for small and medium-sized enterprises, emerging enterprises and civil society entities in order to support investments in critical and emerging technologies relevant to the green and digital transition, in particular as regards environmental protection and biodiversity protection.
- 15. Recommends supporting the establishment and operation of electricity microgrids including wind capacity, as well as prosumers using this type of energy, in a harmonised way across the European Union.

This Decision was adopted by the Chamber of Deputies during its session on May 7th, 2024, in compliance with the provisions of Article 76 (2) of the Constitution of Romania, republished.

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