



Parlamentul României
Senat

Bucharest, 11th June 2013

Courtesy translation

OPINION

**of the SENATE OF ROMANIA on the
Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European
Maritime and Fisheries Fund [repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 and
Council Regulation(EC) No 861/2006 and Council Regulation No XXX/2011 on integrated
maritime policy]**

COM(2013) 245 final

The Senate of Romania has checked the compliance with the subsidiarity and proportionality principles of **the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund [repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 and Council Regulation(EC) No 861/2006 and Council Regulation No XXX/2011 on integrated maritime policy] – COM (2013)245 final**, according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no.2).

Taking into account the joint report of the Committee for European Affairs and the Committee for Agriculture, Silviculture and Rural Development, **the Plenum of the Senate**, during its session of the 11th June 2013, has found that the examined proposal is in compliance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality. Following the analysis of the content of the proposal and in the perspective of the negotiations to come, the Senate underlines the following aspects:

- a) An uniform EU action for all CSF funds, where the amounts allocated by them are different and implicitly the effort of their implementation is different, is likely to raise questions about the proportionality of EU action. In conjunction with the fact that by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund is allocated the smallest amount of all CSF funds, the application of the proportionality principle translates into a lower action of the European Union;
- b) Also, essential provisions of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund are established by delegated acts, which are subsequently issued by the European Commission, without following the ordinary procedure, during which compliance with proportionality is assessed. In this respect, there are reserves regarding the adoption of delegated acts for the monitoring and evaluation of the system, the sustainability of the criterion for the admissibility of operations or the establishment of criteria for financial corrections, these elements representing essential points that require a more complex approach, through implementing acts.

p. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
CRISTIAN-SORIN DUMITRESCU