



**Parliament of Romania  
Senate**

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**OPINION  
of the ROMANIAN SENATE  
on the**

**Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL  
concerning measures to safeguard the security of gas supply and repealing Regulation nr. 994/2010**

The Senate of Romania has examined this Proposal according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no.2). Taking into account the report of the Committee on European Affairs, the Plenum of the Senate, during its session on 25 April 2016, considered that the proposal is fully in compliance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality and underlined the attachment of Romania in favor of the Energy Union and its application and while observing the initiatives of the European Commission when debating within the EU Council. To this extent, the gas market should function according to the free market mechanisms.

The senators proposed the following recommendations in order to:

- Define the protected consumer;
- Set down a regulation to impose obligations to Member States to guarantee the natural gas free supply.
- Put Romania within the minority of the EU Member States having noteworthy own gas resources. Consequently, if supply crisis occur, there are premises that Romania represent a regional state capable to achieve the objectives according to this regulation. Nevertheless, significant social-economic disadvantages could result in case of non-equitable compensation mechanisms.
- Ensure a European legislative framework based upon proportional and non-discriminatory mechanisms, providing rights and obligations for the member states in an equitable and reasonable manner, adequately reflecting both prices and benefits.

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