



Parlamentul României  
Senat

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**OPINION**

**of the ROMANIAN SENATE, on the Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected by sample - COM (2016) 551 final**

The Senate of Romania has examined the Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected by samples – COM (2016) 551final

Taking into account the Report of our permanent Committee on European Affairs dated 18-th of October 2016, the Plenum of the Senate has decided as follows:

- I. This proposal is in accordance with the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality
- II. The Romanian Senate supports the general approach of the proposal, observing that the Commission initiative to establish a common framework for European statistics on individuals and households, based on individual-level data collected from samples, is welcome and support the general approach of the proposal
- III. The Senate notes the following:
  1. To prepare the implementation and actual implementation will require large financial and human efforts.
  2. Referring to the statistical survey on income and living conditions of the population (EU-SILC), the draft regulation provides for a drastic shortening of deadlines for transmission of micro-data to Eurostat (for example, for the investigation of the year by the end of the same year), which does not allow a complete and accurate validation of the data collected and any use of administrative sources for imputing income. Many Member States, including Romania, have expressed opposition to the measure.

3. The draft regulation provides for a further 2 waves in addition to longitudinal panel (six waves, instead of four at present), which will mean lower quality of estimation and increase of the rate of non-response. Consequently, Romania proposes that Annex III of the Regulation to amend the rotation scheme sample from six to four years, as currently provided for in Regulation (EC) Nr. 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 June 2003 concerning Community statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC).

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