



Romanian Parliament
Senate

Bucharest, September 26, 2018

OPINION

Regarding the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the space programme of the Union and the European Union Agency for the Space Programme and repealing Regulations (EU) No 912/2010, (EU) No 1285/2013, (EU) No 377/2014 and Decision 541/2014/EU

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The Romanian Senate examined the **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the space programme of the Union and the European Union Agency for the Space Programme and repealing Regulations (EU) No 912/2010, (EU) No 1285/2013, (EU) No 377/2014 and Decision 541/2014/EU– COM (2018) 447 final** according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon (Protocol no. 2).

Taking into account the report of 418/ September 21, 2018 of our permanent Committee on European Affairs, **the Plenum of the Senate**, during its session of September 26, 2018, decided as follows:

1. **This Regulation does not violates principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.**
2. **In the context of the establishing the space programme of the Union and the European Union Agency for the Space Programme and repealing Regulations (EU) No 912/2010, (EU) No 1285/2013, (EU) No 377/2014 and Decision 541/2014/EU, it is noted:**
 - a) increasing the coverage of EGNOS for countries that do not currently benefit from this system, including Romania;
 - b) increasing the funding level for GOVSATCOM and SSA, given their complexity and the prospect of an increase in the number of Member States participating in these programs;
 - c) adapting the procurement and subcontracting process, in a manner that encourages the participation of Member States and regions with less spatial industrial involvement at present;

d) the need for significant improvements in governance, by establishing clearer roles between the actors involved, namely the Commission and the Member States, the EU Space Agency and the European Space Agency.

p. Speaker of the Senate

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