



Parlamentul României Senat

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OPINION of the SENATE of ROMANIA

on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (recast) COM(2022) 542 final

The Romanian Senate examined the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (recast) - COM(2022) 542 final - according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon Protocol (no. 2).

Taking into account the report of the Committee for European Affairs, the Plenary of the Senate, during its session of April 3, 2023,

- (1) appreciates that this new approach to the Ambient Air Quality Directive represents a new challenge for the Member States and will carefully and cautiously analyze any of the views/variants that will be discussed in the negotiation process;
- (2) considers that the revision of the ambient air quality directive is necessary, but expresses its concern about the budgetary impact for the implementation of the new provisions;
- (3) expresses its concern about the real possibilities of locating sampling points in a relatively short time, in compliance with the new criteria, and also considers it a challenge to reach and comply with the proposed new limit values, especially for atmospheric pollutants: suspended particles, nitrogen dioxide and benzene.