

Parlamentul României Senat

Bucharest, April 7, 2023

Courtesy translation

OPINION of the SENATE of ROMANIA

on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European statistics on population and housing, amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 763/2008 and (EU) No 1260/2013

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The Romanian Senate examined the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European statistics on population and housing, amending Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 763/2008 and (EU) No 1260/2013 - COM (2023) 31 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) considers that this proposal aims to create a new framework for the production of statistics on population, demography, including migration, families, households and housing in an integrated way;
- (2) appreciates that the initiative aims to ensure that population statistics are relevant, coherent, comparable, complete and adapted to a constantly changing demographic, social and economic context.;
- (3) draws attention to Article 2 "Definitions" and Article 4 "Statistical units", supports the use of the notion of "family";
- (4) proposes:
 - a) in article 10 "Timely access and reuse of administrative data" the addition of the article with the mention that the national authorities holding administrative sources should provide the data to the national statistical offices on the basis of unique statistical identifier or personal identification number (PIN), where applicable.
 - b) in article 12 "Requirements regarding quality and quality reports" deleting point 2(b) because there is no definition of the phrase "difficult to identify population groups".