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Delegations will find attached the abovementioned opinion .

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<sup>1</sup> Translation(s) of the opinion may be available on the Interparliamentary EU Information Exchange site IPEX at the following address: <http://www.ipex.eu/IPEXL-WEB/search.do>.



## SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

### RESOLUTION

#### REGARDING A REASONED OPINION ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF SUBSIDIARITY OF THE PROPOSAL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR A DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING AND INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT COM(2013) 133

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Vilnius

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DEST. PRINC.	M. CLOOS
DEST. COP.	M. BOIXAREU

The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,

*pursuant to Article 180<sup>6</sup> of the Statute of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,*

having debated the conclusion of the Seimas Committee on European Affairs on possible non-compliance with the principle of subsidiarity of the proposal of the European Commission for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management COM(2013) 133,

**approves** the conclusion of the Seimas Committee on European Affairs on possible non-compliance with the principle of subsidiarity of the proposal of the European Commission for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management COM(2013) 133.

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**DĖL EUROPOS SĄJUNGOS TEISĖS AKTO PROJEKTO PRIEŠTARAVIMO  
SUBSIDIARUMO PRINCIPUI**

Gerbiamas Prezidente,

Šių metų gegužės 7 d. Lietuvos Respublikos Seimo plenariniame posėdyje buvo svarstytas klausimas „Dėl Europos Komisijos pasiūlymo Dėl Europos Parlamento ir Tarybos direktyvos, kuria nustatoma jūrų erdvės planavimo ir integruoto pakrančių zonų valdymo sistema, KOM(2013) 133 galimo prieštaravimo subsidiarumo principui“.

Norėčiau Jus informuoti, kad Lietuvos Respublikos Seimas šiuo klausimu priėmė Seimo rezoliuciją (pagristąją nuomonę), kurioje konstatuojama, kad pasiūlymas galimai prieštarauja subsidiarumo principui.

**PRIDEDAMA:**

1. Lietuvos Respublikos Seimo Europos reikalų komiteto 2013 m. balandžio 26 d. išvados ištrauka (anglų k.), 2 lapai.

2. Lietuvos Respublikos Seimo rezoliucija „Dėl pagrįstosios nuomonės dėl Europos Komisijos pasiūlymo dėl Europos Parlamento ir Tarybos direktyvos, kuria nustatoma jūrų erdvės planavimo ir integruoto pakrančių zonų valdymo sistema, KOM(2013) 133 prieštaravimo subsidiarumo principui“, (anglų k.), 1 lapas.

Pagarbiai

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SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA  
COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

CONCLUSION

ON POSSIBLE NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF SUBSIDIARITY OF THE PROPOSAL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR A DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING AND INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT NO EU-13-44

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26 April 2013, No 100-P-48  
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Relevance of the Proposal to Lithuania: **moderately relevant**

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8. Committee's decision:

On possible non-compliance of the legislative proposal of the EU with the principle of subsidiarity:

The Committee on European Affairs,

*Having regard* to the position of the Ministry of Environment on the Proposal of the European Commission for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management COM(2013) 133 (hereinafter referred to as the Proposal),

*Having analysed* the conclusions of the Seimas Legal Department, the Seimas Committee on Environment Protection and the Seimas Committee on Economics on the Proposal,

*Having assessed* the conclusions of the European Law Department under the Ministry of Justice on the Proposal, Taking into account the provisions of Article 5(3) as well as Article 5(1) and 5(2) of the Treaty on European Union on subsidiarity,

Has concluded as follows:

The Proposal of the European Commission for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management COM(2013) 133 **does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity** on the following grounds:

1. The principle of subsidiarity is understood as a derivative principle with respect to the principle of conferral, i.e. it can be applied only in so far as the European Union in general has the right (competence, powers) to act in the area in question in accordance with the provisions of the Treaties;
2. Various responsibilities of the Member States laid down in the Proposal relate in essence to the preparation and implementation of spatial planning documents such as maritime spatial plans and integrated coastal management strategies. Meanwhile, the Proposal is based on the articles of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (hereinafter referred to as the TFEU) governing relevant sectoral policies of the European Union such as fisheries (Article 43(2)); sea transport (Article 100(2)); the environment (Article 192(1)); energy (Article 194(2)). Without questioning the fact that the provisions of the Proposal would contribute in some way to the development of the sectors in question, it should be assumed, however, that the TFEU articles referred to in the Proposal may not be considered an appropriate legal basis for the Proposal;
3. According to the international law (in particular the Convention on the Law of the Sea), the Member States – States Parties to this Convention – have exclusive sovereign rights (in inland waters and territorial sea) and certain sovereign rights (in an exclusive economic zone) within the geographical scope of the Proposal (marine waters and coastal zones). This essentially means that the Member States have exclusive or certain sovereign rights to establish maritime spatial plans and integrated coastal management strategies. Therefore, the Proposal may infringe the competence of the Member States in the area where they have not conferred their competences upon the European Union in the Treaties.

Chair of the Committee

Gediminas Kirkilas