

**THE ROMANIAN PARLIAMENT
CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES**

**Executive summary of the
Opinion of the Chamber of Deputies on the
Recommendation for a COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION On the establishment of National
Competitiveness Boards within the Euro Area
COM (2015) 601**

The Chamber of Deputies:

Reminds that, at national level, competitiveness in Romania has been identified as one of the five challenges the country is facing in its development process, highlighting the necessity to improve the research and innovation capacity.

Specifies that, in September 2015, a legislative proposal regarding the organization and functioning of the National Council for Competitiveness (NCC) was submitted at the the Chamber of Deputies.

Notes that the recommendation of the EU Council is not legally binding. If, however, the EU Member States, which are not part of the euro zone, decide to establish such a national council, we consider that the current recommendation leaves a wide margin of appreciation in terms of the form and conditions a body like this should meet.

Signals the necessity to formulate a clear definition of the competitiveness concept, taking into account all the factors that could affect competitiveness at the micro and macro level, in agreement with all the authorities for competitiveness.

Considers that the role, tasks and competences of these authorities should be well defined and balanced, taking into consideration that they will introduce a new level in the architecture of the already complicated institutional complex.

Points out the necessity to present the added value that the national competitiveness councils, proposed to be created, will bring.

The Chamber of Deputies emphasizes that establishing the NCC in Romania is expected to be realized in the near future, by means of a government decision.