

Fiscal Council's Opinion on the legislative proposal for amending and complementing the framework Law no. 153/2017 on the remuneration of staff paid from public funds - b438/29.09.2021

On October 18, 2021, the Fiscal Council (FC) received the address of the Romanian Senate no. XXXV/4840 dated 04.10.2021, by which it is requested, in accordance with the article 53 paragraph (2) letter e) of the Fiscal Responsibility Law no. 69/2010 republished (FRL), the opinion on a legislative proposal for amending and complementing the framework Law no. 153/2017 on the remuneration of staff paid from public funds (b438/29.09.2021).

According to the article of law to which reference is made, the attributions of the Fiscal Council are:

e) analysis and elaboration of opinions and recommendations, both before the approval by the Government and before the transmission to the Parliament, on the annual budgetary laws, on the budgetary revisions, as well as on other legislative initiatives that may have an impact on the budgetary expenditures, as well as the assessment of their compliance with the fiscal principles and rules provided by this law.

Brief description of the legislative proposal

The legislative proposal submitted to the Fiscal Council refers to the amendment of art. 8 of the framework Law no. 153/2017 by increasing by 10% the basic gross salary for the teaching staff that fulfills the functions of class master, teacher/coach of the performance group within the School Sports Groups.

Budgetary impact of the legislative proposal

The legislative proposal is not accompanied by the financial statement in which its impact on the general consolidated budget is presented. The authors of the legislative initiative mention in the Explanatory Memorandum the importance of sports activities in the modern world and especially the performance ones which involve a sustained and complex work of teachers and coaches of the performance groups within School Sports Groups.

Assessment of the Fiscal Council regarding the legislative proposal

- Regarding the opportunity of the legislative project, the Fiscal Council has no attributions in deciding, given that the establishment of the salary policy in the budgetary sector is the prerogative of the Parliament, the Government or other competent institutions.
- The legislative proposal is not accompanied by the financial statement in which its impact on the general consolidated budget is presented. In the opinion of the FC, given the small number of beneficiaries of this legislative proposal, its budgetary impact can be considered marginal. Thus, it is possible to include this initiative in the budget construction of 2022 without affecting in a relevant way the budgetary targets.

The opinions and recommendations formulated above by the Fiscal Council were approved by the Chairman of the Fiscal Council, according to the provisions of art. 56, para (2), letter d) of Law no. 69/2010 republished, after being agreed by Council members, through vote, in the meeting of November 23, 2021.

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Chairman of the Fiscal Council
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