



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Riksdag for its Opinion on the Commission Work Programme for 2018 {COM(2017) 650 final}.

As noted in the Riksdag's Opinion, the Commission Work Programme is firmly anchored in the ten political priorities set out by President Juncker in 2014 and focused on actions with a clear European added value. The Commission has already tabled more than 80% of the proposals set out under the ten priorities, and the Work Programme sets out a limited number of targeted legislative actions to complete our work in the priority policy areas in the coming months. Given the forthcoming European Parliament elections, focus is now firmly on delivery. Priority legislative files need to be adopted and where possible implemented before the end of the European Parliament's current mandate.

The second category of initiatives included in the Work Programme stems from the discussions following on the White Paper on the future of the European Union, and will be presented during 2018 and 2019. These initiatives are of a more forward-looking nature, and the Commission would like to underline that they are intended to launch a broad and wide debate with the ambition of seeking a broad consensus on the way forward in important areas for the future of the European Union.

The correct application and enforcement of adopted legislation is also a priority, as the Riksdag points out in its Opinion. The Work Programme sets out the Commission's commitment to step up its work on the enforcement of European Union law, working closely with national authorities and the various European networks.

The Commission takes careful note of the points raised by the Riksdag on individual policy areas and initiatives and informs that it has already presented some of the initiatives the Riksdag raises in its Opinion, including the proposal to strengthen the European Union's Civil Protection Mechanism and the Roadmap for deepening Europe's Economic and Monetary Union. Remaining legislative proposals will be presented before end May 2018, in order to provide sufficient time for the co-legislators to conclude the proposals before the European Parliament elections in 2019.

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The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Riksdag and looks forward to the Riksdag's involvement in this important debate and to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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