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*Mr Milan ŠTĚCH
President of the Senát
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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion on the Consultative Communication on the future of Carbon Capture and Storage in Europe (CCCS) {COM(2013) 180 final}.

The Commission has taken note of the position of the Senát regarding the capture and sequestration of CO₂ as a climate change mitigation tool, among other options to reduce emissions of Carbon Dioxide. In particular, the Commission notes the concerns of the Senát with regard to the possible negative aspects of using the technology and the outstanding issues related to the safety of CCS as well as its substantial financial costs.

Following the publication of the CCS Consultative Communication, contributions from a wide variety of organisations were received within the 2 July 2013 deadline. An analysis of the responses was undertaken and a report setting out the conclusions of this analysis has been published¹. Based on this report and the analysis of the CCS Directive transposition and implementation in the Member States, the Commission will address the need to prepare proposals, if appropriate, including in the context of its work on the 2030 Energy and Climate Framework.

The Commission would like to thank once again the Senát for its valued contribution and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

*Maroš Šefčovič
Vice-President*

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http://ec.europa.eu/energy/coal/ccs_en.htm