EUROPEAN COMMISSION



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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a single digital gateway to provide information, procedures, assistance and problem-solving services and amending Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 {COM(2017) 256 final}.

The Commission welcomes the Senát's broad support for the proposal, which aims to reduce additional administrative burden on citizens and businesses that operate or want to operate in other Member States in full compliance with national rules and procedures, to eliminate discrimination and to ensure the functioning of the internal market with regard to provision of information, procedures, and assistance and problem-solving services.

The Commission has taken good note of the specific suggestions proposed by the Senát regarding Annexes I and II. The proposal is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council. The choice of procedures and information to be covered was based on a public consultation, an impact assessment and certain political considerations, but Member States can of course suggest to extend the proposed Annexes I and II in the context of the ongoing legislative process.

The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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