



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion on the Communication to the European Parliament and the Council 'A strategy towards a fully functioning and resilient Schengen area' (COM(2021) 277) and the Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment and operation of an evaluation and monitoring mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen acquis and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1053/2013 (COM(2021) 278).*

*The Commission welcomes the support to its strategy expressed by the Senát. It will continue to work to restore trust in a European wide area of freedom, security and justice where our citizens can move freely and safely, and where the recourse to internal border controls will remain truly a measure of last resort, and will propose actions to achieve this as soon as possible.*

*As announced in the Schengen Strategy, the Commission intends to put forward a new proposal for an amendment of the Schengen Borders Code by the end of this year. The new proposal will address the lessons learned from the COVID-19 crisis and build on discussions related to the 2017 proposal for amendment. In addition, it envisages adopting at the same time as the revision of the Schengen Borders Code, a Police Cooperation Code package, which will address the need for common standards to allow police officers to cooperate effectively with their colleagues in neighbouring countries.*

*The Commission hopes that the Senát will continue to support it in these actions and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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