



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senát for its Opinion on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council — Action plan to boost long distance and cross-border passenger rail {COM(2021) 810 final}.

The action plan forms part of a broader package of ambitious measures on green and efficient mobility adopted by the Commission in December 2021. To that end, the aim of the Communication is to address the pertaining barriers to cross-border and long-distance passenger rail by setting out actions targeting the removal of these barriers.

The Commission welcomes the support of the Senát, in particular its call on the Government of the Czechia to take necessary steps to implement the action plan, as well as its request towards the Government to inform the Senát no later than on 30 September 2022 about the way the Opinion was taken into account. In case such information to be provided by the Government will be public, the Commission would be interested to be informed of it.

The Commission agrees with the Senát on the critical importance of rail transport for decarbonisation and the green transition, the role of connectivity and multimodality as important elements of the comfortable journey, as well as on the need to ensure the safety and reliability of rail transport.

The Commission believes that the political dialogue with national Parliaments is essential for connecting the institutions and the citizens of the European Union, and looks forward to continuing it with the Senát in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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