



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its substantial Opinion concerning the Commission's Communication "The urban dimension of EU policies - key features of an EU urban agenda" {COM(2014) 490 final}.

Most of the concerns and suggestions expressed in the Opinion of the Senato della Repubblica are in line with the current policies of the Union, especially as regards the new cohesion policy. The challenge is now to increase the synergies between different policy areas and to ensure coherence. In that regard, better regulation is one of the priorities of the new Commission.

When it comes to the financing of urban works, the Commission shares the views of the Senato della Repubblica that public private partnerships must be formed to finance necessary public works, making large-scale private capital available to serve public needs. This is also in line with the investment plan that President Juncker presented in January 2015.

The Commission will further analyse the Senate's Opinion together with the well over 200 other contributions received during the consultation, so as to report on the results of this analysis. In that regard, the Commission wishes to stress that the reflection on an EU urban agenda can be considered as a continuous process which will not end with the publication of the report summarising the responses to the consultation.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Senato della Repubblica and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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