



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear Chairman,

The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion on the Commission Communication on Delivering the benefits of EU environmental policies through a regular Environmental Implementation Review {COM(2016) 316 final}.

This initiative aims to improve effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of environmental policy and legislation by complementing enforcement. A clear advantage of this approach is that it identifies critical issues and structural solutions in a preventive and transparent manner in collaboration with the Member States. The Commission appreciates the positive outcome of the scrutiny process undertaken by the Senato della Repubblica on this Communication.

The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Senato della Repubblica in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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