



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics amending Regulation (EC) No 184/2005 and repealing 10 legal acts in the field of business statistics {COM(2017) 114 final}.*

*The proposed Regulation is expected to deliver in particular improved statistics on the services sector and globalisation, to streamline European Statistical System business statistics and to reduce the burden on businesses. The proposed Regulation will provide a common, integrated legal framework for the production and compilation of European business statistics which should facilitate a rationalisation of national statistical production processes, a better use of existing data sources and a reduction of the statistical burden on respondents when European Statistical System business statistics are compiled. In addition, the Regulation on European business statistics will create harmonised data structures and common data quality standards which will make it possible to link different business statistics, making the information collected even more valuable.*

*The Commission welcomes the Senato della Repubblica's conclusion that a Regulation is the most appropriate legal act to ensure the comparability of high-quality business statistics across the European Union.*

*The Commission appreciates the support of the Senato della Repubblica and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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