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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion on the Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament: The European Research Area: advancing together the Europe of research and innovation {COM(2019) 83 final}.*

*The Commission welcomes the Senato della Repubblica's support for a number of key conclusions in the report, in particular the acknowledgement that the national European Research Area action plans should be better coordinated and monitored and that greater efforts are needed at all levels, including a reform of the national systems of research and innovation, to achieve a better functioning of the European Research Area.*

*The Commission highly appreciates the support for the programmes for the next financing period 2021-2027, notably the dedicated part of Horizon Europe to help strengthening the European Research Area.*

*Finally the Commission considers the favourable opinion on open access to scientific information to be a good example of alignment between national and European policies, which is one of the main objectives of the European Research Area.*

*The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue on this important issue.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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