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*Mr Pietro GRASSO  
President of the  
Senato della Repubblica  
Piazza Madama, 1  
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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Senato della Repubblica for its Opinion on the Commission's efforts to promote closer links between the scientific world and society as well as for its overall support for the objectives of the 'Science with and for Society' programme that are part of Horizon 2020.*

*The Commission will take into account the Senato della Repubblica's Opinion as part of the contributions to the public consultation on the Horizon 2020 'Science with and for Society' Work Programme 2018-2020<sup>1</sup>, which took place from 11 April to 4 July 2016.*

*The aim of the consultation was to collect views and contributions from a broad range of stakeholders, including citizens, civil society organisations, businesses and research institutions, on the strategy, scope, objectives and expected impacts of the Horizon 2020 'Science with and for Society' Work Programme as well as to help identify its priorities. The contributions received will complement the opinion provided by an external advisory group of high-level experts<sup>2</sup> set up by the Commission pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 establishing Horizon 2020<sup>3</sup>.*

*The Commission will complete the drafting of the next 'Science with and for Society' Work Programme 2018-2020 in the autumn of 2016. The members of the Horizontal Programme Committee for Horizon 2020 will have the opportunity to discuss the Work Programme before its final adoption by the end of 2016.*

*The Commission welcomes the Senato della Repubblica's active engagement on these issues and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Frans Timmermans  
First Vice-President*

*Carlos Moedas  
Member of the Commission*

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<sup>1</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/research/consultations/swafs-wp2018-2020/consultation\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/consultations/swafs-wp2018-2020/consultation_en.htm).

<sup>2</sup> <http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=3093>.

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, pp. 104-173.