



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Dear Chair,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República's for its Opinion on the Commission Work Programme for 2018 {COM(2017) 650 final}.*

*As noted in the Opinion, the Commission Work Programme has a two-fold focus. First, it sets out targeted legislative actions to complete our work in priority policy areas. Secondly, it presents a number of initiatives that have a more forward-looking perspective, as the new Union of 27 shapes its own future for 2025 and beyond. These initiatives reflect the wide debate kick-started by the Commission's White Paper on the Future of Europe and the 2017 State of the Union address in all important areas for the future of the European Union.*

*The Commission takes careful note of the initiatives selected by the Committees of the Assembleia da República for closer monitoring and scrutiny, and wishes to inform the Assembleia da República that several of the policy initiatives selected have in the meantime been presented by the Commission, including in the areas of the Capital Markets Union, the Energy Union and the Economic and Monetary Union, as well as the proposals delivering on the Circular Economy Action Plan and a Social Fairness package. Remaining legislative proposals will be presented by the end of May this year, to allow the European Parliament and the Council to complete the legislative work before the European elections in spring 2019.*

*The Commission looks forward to receiving the Assembleia da República's detailed opinions on adopted proposals and to continuing our political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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