



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Committee on European Affairs of the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation and laying down the rules for its participation and dissemination {COM(2018) 435 final}, the proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe, the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation {COM(2018) 436 final} and the proposal for a Council Regulation establishing the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community for the period 2021-2025 complementing Horizon Europe, the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation {COM(2018) 437 final}.

Research and innovation are a fundamental part of the knowledge society, and the 'Horizon Europe' proposal builds on the premise that a strong European dimension can be much more effective in terms of impact. It will respond to citizens' priorities and boost the productivity and competitiveness of the Union. It is based on three pillars (Open Science, Global Challenges and Industrial Competitiveness, as well as Open Innovation), accompanied by different actions to reinforce the European Research Area.

The Commission welcomes the assessment by the Assembleia da República that the proposal complies with the principle of subsidiarity and proportionality as established by the Treaty on European Union.

The Commission looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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