## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**



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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinion on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1601 establishing the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD), the EFSD Guarantee and the EFSD Guarantee Fund {COM(2020) 407 final}.

The Commission welcomes that the Assembleia da República decided to analyse this proposal and welcomes its conclusion that the European Union is competent to legislate in this area in particular.

The Commission believes that the political dialogue with national Parliaments is essential for linking the institutions and the citizens of the European Union, and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue with the Assembleia da República in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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