



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear Chair,

The Commission would like to thank the Assembleia da República for its Opinions on:

- the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the InvestEU Programme {COM(2020) 403 final}
- the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2015/1017 as regards creation of a Solvency Support Instrument {COM(2020) 404 final}
- the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a Recovery and Resilience Facility {COM(2020) 408 final}
- the proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a European Union Recovery Instrument to support the recovery in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic {COM(2020) 441 final}
- the amended proposal for a Council Regulation laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2021 to 2027 {COM(2020) 443 final}
- the amended proposal for a Council Decision on the system of Own Resources of the European Union {COM(2020) 445 final}
- and the amended proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing the specific programme implementing Horizon Europe, for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument and for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the Common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council {COM(2020) 459 final}.

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The Commission appreciates the Assembleia da República's conclusion that the objectives of these proposals, which are part of the Recovery Package, cannot be sufficiently achieved by Member States and that action at the EU level is necessary.

The Commission welcomes the unanimous agreement reached by the European Council on 21 July 2020 on the Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 and the Recovery Package. This historic agreement endorses the approach put forward by the Commission, is proof of Europe's ability to act, to show solidarity in times of crisis, and takes the opportunity to keep the European promise of a better future. It is important that National Parliaments keep engaging with their governments to help ensure that the Recovery Package is adopted quickly. National Parliaments will also have an essential direct role to play when the decision on own resources has to be approved, after its adoption by the Council, by each Member State in accordance with its constitutional requirements. The Commission is confident that the Assembleia da República will do its utmost to facilitate the swift entry into force of this decision and of the Recovery Package, which are essential for creating a new dynamism in our economies and societies to overcome the COVID-19 crisis.

In the agreement reached on July 21, the members of the European Council have not retained the Solvency Support Instrument.

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 it with the Assembleia da República in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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