



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear Mr Forsberg,

The European Commission would like to thank the Swedish Parliament for having examined the Green Paper on the management of bio-waste in the EU {COM(2008)811} and for having provided its opinion on the issue. This opinion constitutes valuable input to the consultation process and will be examined in depth.

The European Commission would like to stress the consultative nature of the paper in question and would like to inform the Swedish Parliament that it will present a summary on the results of the public consultation as well as it will announce the likely next steps.

The European Commission has taken note of the position submitted by the Committee on Environment and Agriculture of the Swedish Parliament, in particular of the opinion of the need of further restrictions on the amount of biodegradable waste that may be landfilled; opinions on techniques which may be used for biowaste treatment including their advantages and restrictions; and, finally, the opinions that all measures have to take into account local conditions and needs and that any potential action in this field should not be a burden on the EU budget.

The general support expressed towards the Green Paper initiative as well as the support for the European debate in this area is highly appreciated.

The European Commission will keep the Swedish Parliament informed about the further development of an EU-wide strategy on bio-waste and is looking forward to a more detailed discussion of the issue in due course.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary-General of the Riksdag