

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRY DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Director General

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Thank you for your kind message sent by email on 28 August and your visit of last July.

I fully share your concern about supporting the competitiveness of the automotive industry, which was precisely the reason for re-launching the CARS 21 process. It is encouraging to see it forms the basis of reflections in a national context as well. I would appreciate it very much if you could keep the Commission informed about the outcome of this.

The Commission has also made further progress, following the adoption of the CARS 21 Final Report on 6 June. A Communication is planned to be adopted in October, proposing a series of concrete actions the Commission intends to take, on the basis of the policy recommendations of CARS 21. These actions aim to reinforce the competitiveness and sustainability of the automotive industry in both the short and longer term, the importance of which is once more clearly highlighted by the current crisis.

As regards the follow-up, we have the intention to monitor the implementation of the CARS 21 recommendations through a new process to be launched. Further details about this process, have to be decided yet.

Lastly, I support your idea to discuss the CARS 21 outcome and present the upcoming Communication to stakeholders in Spain. I trust you will be in contact with my services and in particular with the automotive industry unit, once a date is established.

Yours sincerely,

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