



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Office of the First Vice-President Mr Frans Timmermans

Member of Cabinet

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your e-mail of 6 March 2019 and the update on the inspiring activities of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation in relation to the circular economy. First Vice-President Timmermans has asked me to reply on his behalf.

We fully agree with your remarks about the growing momentum around the circular economy and on the fact that the broader economic community now better understands the concept. This is indeed very encouraging and shows that we can make a difference.

We are grateful for the variety of reports that the Foundation is publishing. Well-informed policymaking is critical to the advancement of the circular economy policy agenda. We are aware and pleased that the cooperation between the Foundation and the Commission services is bringing results. We hope this will continue, as we need to overcome numerous challenges to complete the transition in Europe and globally.

The Commission has recently published the report on implementation of the Circular Economy Action Plan and a final package of deliverables on circular economy, notably a staff working document on Sustainable Products in a Circular Economy and an assessment of the pledging campaign for recycled content under the European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy. We have also published a Reflection Paper entitled "Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030" and the strategic long-term vision for a prosperous, modern, competitive and climate-neutral economy by 2050.

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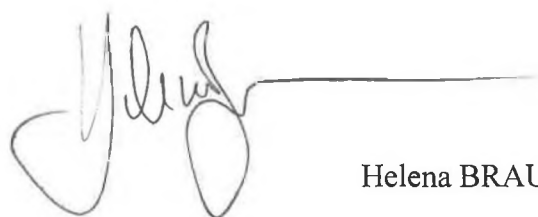
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These documents pave the way for policy action to ensure the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Europe. They have been prepared as a legacy of this Commission for the next one and identify some of the key issues to be addressed. They also touch upon some of the important topics and actors that your Foundation has been working with: plastics, textiles, and food systems; cities and other local governments and international fora; and full integration of climate neutral and circular economic models.

We would also like to thank you for inviting the First Vice-President and his team to your Annual Summit in London on 13 June. We look forward to receiving more information on the programme and the possible role envisaged for First Vice-President Timmermans.

Wishing you all the success, looking forward to further updates on your various projects and initiatives, and hoping for a continued very constructive cooperation with the Foundation.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helena Braun', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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