



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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Acting Head of Cabinet

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Dear Mr Longo,

The President of the European Commission, Ms Ursula von der Leyen, has asked me to thank you for your letter and to reply to you. Please accept our apologies for the delay in replying.

Since you as a member of the European Federalist Movement recall the Ventotene Manifesto, I am pleased to say that I believe many of your inspiring views are duly reflected in the ambitious agreement on a major recovery plan reached by the European Council on 21 July 2020. This is a watershed moment for our Union. By standing united, we will raise money on the capital market, as you proposed, to fight the worst economic crisis ever.

In Next Generation EU, we have a unique recovery tool, worth 750 billion euro. This means 750 billion euro to invest in a fair, sustainable, digital and resilient Europe. This is an enormous achievement destined to make a great difference. As you rightly pointed out, at the beginning of the crisis, we saw unilateral actions and heard divisive words. However, taboos and perceptions have been cast aside, and we have found truly European solutions together. Standing united is the only way we can address a pandemic that knows no borders. Although Europe is not out of the woods yet, we can now see dawn turning into light. Combining Next Generation EU and the Multiannual Financial Framework, we now have unprecedented financial firepower of 1.8 trillion euro.

I am confident that we will reach a new milestone in the European project as we move on with courage, trust and solidarity. The time is now to put this agreement into practice.

Yours sincerely,



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