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**Re.: Your letter of 02 August 2021 regarding the high speed rail line Salerno-Reggio Calabria**

Dear Mr Maldonato,

President von der Leyen would like to thank you for your letter of 02 August 2021 regarding the high speed rail line Salerno-Reggio Calabria and the information contained therein. She has asked me to reply on her behalf.

The Commission is well aware and supportive of the plans of Italy to upgrade the high-speed line between Salerno and Reggio Calabria starting with the Battipaglia – Praia a Mare section. This line is a strategic part of the Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T)<sup>1</sup> Scandinavian-Mediterranean corridor and will help to better connect southern Italy to the rest of Europe.

The aim of the TEN-T is to ensure connectivity of all European regions and to encourage a shift of traffic from road and air to more sustainable forms of transport, such as rail. As a matter of fact all projects on the TEN-T must undergo the necessary feasibility studies including environmental impact assessments and have to prove that they are not detrimental to the EU's biodiversity strategy or would pose a threat to existing NATURA 2000 sites. The project in question is no exception in this regard and it will be closely scrutinised.

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network and repealing Decision No 661/2010/EU (OJ L 348 of 20 December 2013, p.1)

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