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**to the Commission**
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Subject: Promoting ‘freedom to stay’ for the completion of the single market for a more resilient Europe and a locally anchored industrial policy

The Letta Report underscores the need to further deepen the single market by strengthening its resilience and ensuring that economic activity remains rooted across all regions. It stresses that the single market should enable citizens to prosper wherever they live, rather than pushing them to relocate in search of opportunities. In this context, forging stronger connections between the single market, industrial policy and territorial cohesion is essential. Services of General Interest (SGI) play a crucial role in sustaining local economic ecosystems and supporting industrial development.

In light of the above:

1. How does the Commission plan to integrate the ‘freedom to stay’ as a guiding objective in the next MFF, ensuring that territorial cohesion, social resilience and competitiveness are strengthened?

2. Does the Commission intend to create a ‘freedom to stay’ indicator, designed to complement the European Semester, translating cohesion and SGI objectives into measurable outcomes?

3. What follow-up actions does the Commission plan to take to implement Letta’s proposal for developing an action plan on high-quality SGIs in Europe?

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