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**Subject: Presentation of the European Studies Centre of Road Haulage
Your letter of 16 March 2016**

Dear Professor Riguzzi,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 16 March 2016, where you present the activities of the European Studies Centre of Road Haulage which you founded.

The Commission is very interested in such initiatives, which help promote the visibility of the sector and can provide an important source of information for EU policy making in the road freight transport field.

I would also like to thank you for providing us with an overview of the main features of the Italian legislation concerning road freight transport. It is crucial for the Commission to understand the characteristics of road haulage legislation in Member States in order to gather best practices and to improve EU legislation and enforcement practice.

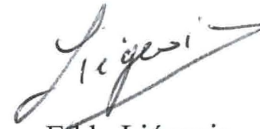
As you may know, we are considering several initiatives in the road transport sector in the near future. These initiatives include a possible revision of Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009 on access to the occupation of road transport operator and of Regulation (EC) No 1072/2009 on access to the international road transport market. We have already carried out an evaluation of the existing legislation which detected several shortcomings¹. In the context of this initiative, we will shortly be launching an open public consultation.

¹ <http://ec.europa.eu/transport/facts-fundings/evaluations/doc/2015-12-ex-post-evaluation-regulations-2009r1071-and-2009r1072.pdf>

I would encourage you to actively participate in this upcoming consultation and to provide any additional input in this context. I would also ask you to keep us informed about any initiative of the European Studies Centre of Road Haulage which might be relevant for EU policy making in general.

We look forward to a continued fruitful cooperation with you and the European Studies Centre of Road Haulage.

Yours sincerely,



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