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Dear 

President von der Leyen has asked me to reply to your letter of 10 December 2019 through which you communicated Greenpeace's recommendations for the European Green Deal.

In the meantime, the Commission has published the Communication on the European Green Deal⁽¹⁾ which paves the way for new ambitious policies and comprehensive measures, ensuring an adequate response to the climate and biodiversity crises. I am confident that you recognise many of the principles and ideas you mentioned in your letter and I assure you that your concrete suggestions will be valuable in the preparation of the relevant follow-up actions.

The Commission will use its better regulation tools to address both sustainability and innovation issues to make sure that Green Deal initiatives achieve their objectives and live up to the new green oath 'do no harm'. In addition to these new, deeply transformative policies, the Commission will work with the Member States to ensure that current legislation and policies relevant to the Green Deal are enforced and effectively implemented.

I am looking forward to our close cooperation to implement an ambitious agenda that will make the European Union a global leader in a green and inclusive transition. My colleagues from the relevant Commission services will contact you directly should they need any clarifications concerning your recommendations.

Yours sincerely,


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⁽¹⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en