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The latest developments in the Digital single market

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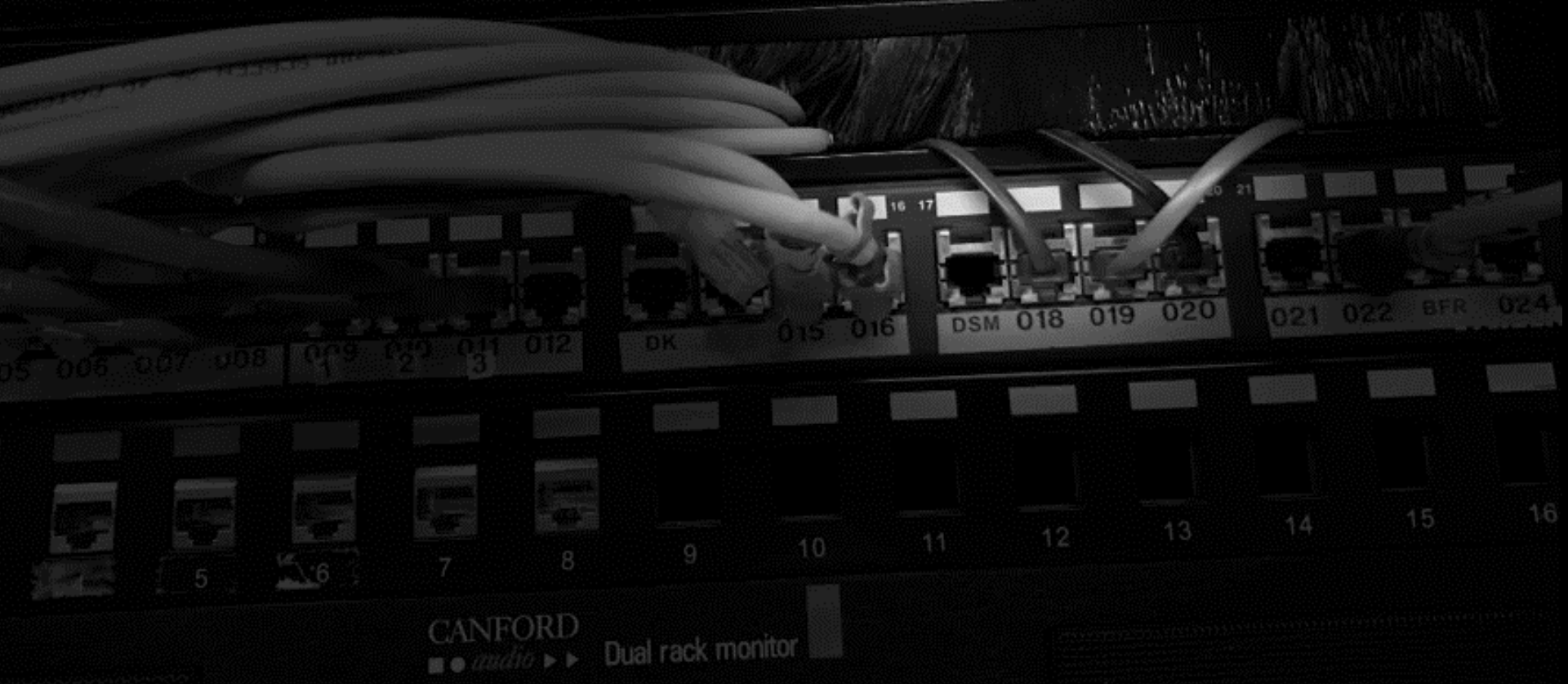
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Legislative initiatives and events on the Digital Single Market in the Council during Slovak Presidency semester, July-December 2016 (I)

Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting on 18 November 2016:

Note on **progress in implementing a roadmap to improve information exchange and information management, including interoperability solutions** in the Justice and Home Affairs area;

Ministers' agreement that **investing in swift, effective and qualitative information exchange and information management and ensuring interoperability of EU databases and information systems** are an important way to address current security challenges.



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Competitiveness Council meetings on 28-29 November 2016:

General approach to **ban unjustified geo-blocking** within the internal market; **Discussion on Skills Agenda for Europa** in the context of the competitiveness check-up with the focus on the skills mismatch, **future needs** and the growing demands by companies **of digital skills;**

Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council meeting on 21–22 November 2016:

Council resolution on a New Skills Agenda highlighting the main aspects, including the **ways of exploring the full potential of the digital economy**, with the aim of promoting “lifelong investment in people”;



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Telecommunications Council meeting on December 2, 2016:

- Council agreement (general approach) on **new rules for wholesale roaming markets in the EU**; Ministers' policy debate on the **reform of the EU telecoms rules**; Member states support to the **development of the EU electronic communications code**;
- Note of the progress made on the proposal to increase regulatory oversight and price transparency for **cross-border parcel delivery services**;
- Partial general approach reached on the **WiFi4EU** proposal;
- Activities of the like-minded countries to **lobby the need for EU legislative proposal on free flow of data**;
- Information on the **latest developments on the internet governance**;
- Ministers Lunch discussion on **further work on free flow of data**.



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Legislative initiatives and events on the Digital Single Market in the Council during Maltese Presidency semester, January-June 2017 (I)

Competitiveness Council meetings on 20 February and 29 May:

Agreement in the Council (general approach) to strengthen consumer protection cooperation in the internal market;
Agreement reached with the European Parliament to implement legislation (directive and regulation) on access to printed works for visually impaired people across the EU;
Member states support to the EC Digital Single Market strategy progress report.



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Justice and Home Affairs Council meeting on 27–28 March and 8 June:

Progress report in March, general approach in June adopted on the directive on the supply of digital content and services.

Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council meeting on 22–23 May:

General Approach achieved on the proposal on the **Audiovisual services directive review**;

Digital Assembly, 15-16 June, in Valetta:

“Digital Europe: Investing in the Future” - debates and looking ahead on how Europe is preparing for digital transformation.



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Telecommunications Council meeting on June 9:

- General Approach on a proposal to increase regulatory oversight and price transparency for **cross-border parcel delivery services**;
- Policy debate on the reform of the **EU telecoms rules**;
- Progress made on a proposal to update **privacy rules for electronic communications (ePrivacy)**;
- Publication of the wholesale roaming regulation** in the EU Official Journal on 9 June;



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Legislative initiatives and events on the Digital Single Market in the Council during Maltese Presidency semester, January-June 2017 (IV)

Telecommunications Council meeting on June 9:

- **Political agreement reached on the draft WiFi4EU** regulation on EU-funded internet hotspots;
- The state of play of the **digital single market strategy, cybersecurity** issues and the latest **Europe's digital progress report** (mid-term review);
- **Letter of Ministers on Europe's digital progress report;**
- **Digital Day in Rome 3 March** marking the 60th anniversary of the Treaties of Rome.



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Legislative initiatives and events on the Digital Single Market in the Council during Estonian Presidency semester, July-December 2017 (I)

Estonian Presidency priorities on the Digital Single Market (1):

- development of cross-border e-commerce and e-services;
- development of the modern and secure infrastructure of electronic communications;
- creation of favorable conditions for new, innovative services;
- development of cross-border digital public services.

Work in the EU Council on legislative proposals:

- Code of the electronic communications;
- Regulation proposal on BEREC agency;
- Proposal on Cross-border Postal Packages;
- Proposal on E-privacy;
- Regulation proposal on Single Digital Gateway.

The Estonian Presidency with Trio partners Bulgaria and Austria expects to close the work on all proposals on Digital Single Market.



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Priorities of the Estonian Presidency in the Council of the EU(2):

- Review of the mandate of the ENISA agency (The European Union Agency for Network and Information Security);
- Regulation proposal on the Single Digital Gateway (continuation of analyses).

EU proposals on Digital Single Market to come:

- legislative proposal on free flow of data (high priority on the Presidency's agenda);
- EU guidelines on platforms.



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Events organized by the Presidency:

-Conference on Free flow of data in the Digital Single Market,

17 July, Tallinn;

-Informal meeting of the Telecoms and COMPET ministers,

18 July, Tallinn;

-Conference on the EU Cybersecurity issues, 14-15 September, Tallinn;

-Eastern Partnership Minister's meeting and eGovernment Conference on Digital Single Market issues, 4-5 October, Tallinn;

-eGovernment Conference and Ministers' meeting including signing the eGovernment declaration, 6 October, Tallinn;

-Telecom Directors meeting, 2-3 November;

-EU Council meeting of the Telecom and Information Society ministers, 4 December Brussels.



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The main areas where further EU level action is needed

- To develop the **European Data Economy** to its full potential;
- To protect Europe's assets by tackling **cybersecurity challenges**;
- To promote the **online platforms** as responsible players of a fair internet ecosystem.



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Thank You!

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