To: STENGG Werner (CAB-VESTAGER); WHELAN Anthony (CAB-VON DER LEYEN); (SG); (SG); WERNER Elisabeth (SG); (SG) (SG); Cc: (SG); (SG); (SG); (SG); (SG); (SG) Subject: ARES - Minutes meeting with the Computer and Communications Industry

Meeting with the Computer and Communications Industry Association and M. Werner Stengg, 26/1/2022

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The meeting was organised at the request of the Computer and Communications Industry Association (CCIA) to discuss digital related initiatives and priorities.

M. Stengg presented the latest state of play on on-going initiatives (digital principles, artificial intelligence, digital services act and data act) and stressed the importance of digital for EU people according to the latest Eurobarometer.

Followed a short Q&A session, where CCIA:

- On the Data Act: raised concerns about new obligations (mandatory data sharing, fairness test, restrictions on transfer outside the EU) and the perceived limited support for companies;
- On the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act: enquired about facial recognition, critical infrastructure as high-risk and additional strict liability;
- On the Digital Services Act: asked for clarifications as regards coherence with other legislations and national rules, advertising, enforcement and market place liability.

Mr Stengg recalled existing opportunities for companies (digital decade, recovery and resilience facility...) and the need to reinforce resilience. On Al, he indicated that it was too early to get a feel of the direction the European Parliament would go and that liability issues were being assessed within the Commission. He finally presented the positions of the European Parliament and Council on the Digital Services Act.

Participants from CCIA:



