



EUROPEAN COMMISSION  
Office of the President Ms Ursula von der Leyen

**Digital Adviser**

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Dear [REDACTED] Dear [REDACTED]

President von der Leyen would like to thank you for your letter of 5 October 2020 kindly requesting a meeting with a delegation of publishers from across Europe, on a date to be convened, to discuss the challenges facing the press sector due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the broader issue of adapting to the new digital world.

Regrettably, despite her interest in exchanging ideas on such issues, the President is unable to give a positive response to your request due to a very busy schedule during the current period.

Thank you in advance for your understanding. I would like to confirm my own continued interest in the submissions made by your teams on these subjects.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate both of you on your re-election and election as [REDACTED] of your respective organisations.

Yours sincerely,

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