Meeting between Cabinet Vestager and the European Center of the Atlantic Council, 7 September 2022

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The meeting took place at the request of the Atlantic Council.

The Atlantic Council announced their own report on digital sovereignty and enquired about the Trade and Technology Council (TTC). Notably, they asked about alignment with the US and expectations for deliverables. The Atlantic Council transmitted the wish of businesses for more communication about the TTC. Cabinet Vestager explained EU-US work on the TTC and its benefits so far, highlighting the need to engage stakeholders. While some deliverables are very tangible projects, the TTC has also delivered less visible benefits through continuous engagement at working group level and dialogue at Principals’ level. The Atlantic Council also outlined the Trade and Technology Dialogue project, which will have three tracks: 1) trade and supply chains; 2) digital and tech; 3) climate and clean tech. The project will engage stakeholders to identify possible projects and benefits of each track. Cabinet Vestager welcomed the progress and outlined their willingness to engage with it.

The Atlantic Council also asked about remaining priorities in the field of digital and tech for the mandate of the College, the implementation of adopted legislation such as the Digital Services Act and Digital Markets Act, as well as upcoming actions on cybersecurity. Cabinet Vestager replied to the questions, also referring to the upcoming State of the Union speech by Commission President von der Leyen.