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High-level participants: A. Merkel, F. Hollande, J.C. Juncker, A. Ansip, E. Macron, S. Gabriel, A. Lemaire

Main messages:

Macron: 1) foster innovation and markets 2) Skills 3) Adapt social rules to new economy

Gabriel: 1) Digital transformation of industry: ok for big ones, SMEs need to have capability to evaluate what they are facing, 2) education and skills 3) Entrepreneurship, regulation for start-ups 4) data, data sovereignty, 5) infrastructure: gigabit networks, digital airbus

JCJ: free flow of data and European science cloud, see speech here: http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_SPEECH-15-5938_fr.htm

AA: introduce DSM strategy and upcoming priorities

Merkel: 1) TSM agreement important, net neutrality rules important for legal certainty, 2) data economy 3) support European cloud as proposed by JCJ 4) data protection - balance between trust for users and allow innovation

Hollande: FR DE platform on digital industry, Digital Airbus, financing, data regulation, foster economic activity, protect citizens