



Conference of Committee Chairs
The Chair

Mr Martin SCHULZ
President of the
European Parliament

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Dear President,

Dear Martin,

On 18 February 2015 the IMCO committee requested authorisation to draw up a strategic report under Rule 52 entitled "*Towards a Digital Single Market Act*", to be based on the Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe (COM(2015)0192), published by the Commission on 6 May 2015. The ITRE committee thereafter contested the IMCO competence on the matter, whereas the committees LIBE, CULT, JURI and EMPL requested the application of Rule 54 regarding the envisaged report.

As you recall, under Article 3(3) of Annex XVII to the Rules of Procedure strategic reports are authorised by the Conference of Committee Chairs after resolution of any conflict of competence. After discussing the matter at several meetings, I am pleased to inform you that on 7 July 2015 the Conference of Committee Chairs decided by consensus to authorise this strategic report under the lead of two committees ITRE and IMCO cooperating in accordance with Rule 55 (procedure with joint committee meetings). The Conference further agreed that the committees LIBE, CULT and JURI be associated under Rule 54 to the IMCO/ITRE strategic report.

The Conference of Committee Chairs maintained however that this decision would not prejudice any eventual referrals to committees of future legislative proposals related to the Digital Single Market Strategy that will be subject to your decision in line with Rule 47 of the Rules of the Procedure.

I would thus be grateful if you could put this letter to the attention of the Conference of Presidents at its next meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Jerzy BUZEK

cc: Committee Chairs

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