

Cabinet of Vice-President ANSIP - Minutes of Meeting

MEETING CONCLUSIONS

Title	"Tomorrowlab" International Executive Roundtable
Dater	04 September 2018
Participants	<p>Ext :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ██████████ BNP Paribas Fortis 2. Jo Pauwels, CEO ABB Benelux 3. Johan Decuyper, CEO Belgocontrol 4. Jacques van den Broek, Global CEO Randstad 5. Jean-Paul Van Avermaet, CEO G4S 6. Kurt Pierloot, CEO Mail & Retail bpost 7. ██████████ Randstad België 8. Giovanni Verhaeghe, CEO OneSpan Belgium 9. Joachim De Vos, CEO Living Tomorrow / TomorrowLab 10. Herman Van Rompuy, President Advisory Board TomorrowLab & President emer. of the European Council <p>COM: Andrus Ansip, Jörgen Gren</p>
Issues raised & follow-up	<p><u>Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data protection: discussion around trust in the online environment as a key resource for a digital society. Increasing trust is the common objective. VP mentions that the new comprehensive data protection rulebook, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) addresses this challenge. Discussion around the implementation of the GDPR in the companies present and how to deal with the issue of consent eg for employees. • Free flow of data: data flows are increasing between countries. VP mentioned the need to address data localisation inside the European Union in due respect of the GDPR. This is why the Commission proposed the free flow of non-personal data initiative. The companies present were happy with the initiative and agreed that it was an important initiative also for their businesses. • Research programmes: general discussion around the next MFF and digital investment. VP mentions the digital Europe programme (EUR 9.2 billion from 2021 to 2027) and the research programmes in our MFF proposal. The VP puts this into the context of the investment in supercomputing powers and how we have been working with Member States to establish the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking and support the big data ecosystem. He also mentions the comprehensive Artificial Intelligence strategy for Europe and that an <u>EU investment gap exists</u> with the rest of the world. The companies support a strong digital focus on the EU funds.