Dear Alfredo,

First of all – Happy New Year!

I am coming back to the below request as we understand that Commissioner Moedas will attend this year’s WEF.

Davos could potentially be another option to meet with Commissioner Moedas. We would try to combine it with the research topic as the research topic is of high interest to Commissioner Moedas too.

Please let me know if Commissioner Moedas intends to attend WEF and a meeting would be possible there.

Kind regards,

From: Alfredo.SOUZA@ec.europa.eu
Sent: Thursday, November 24, 2016 6:24 PM
To: [mailto: @microsoft.com]
Cc: @ec.europa.eu
Subject: RE: meeting request, President Microsoft / Commissioner Moedas - early note on potential speaker invite

Dear Alfredo,

Thanks for your email and kind invitation to meet Commissioner Moedas.

Unfortunately, Commissioner Moedas has previous engagements in his agenda that turn to be impossible to meet.

It’s very unfortunate but the agenda for January is very complicated.

Looking forward to a next opportunity.

Kind regards
Dear Antonio and Alfredo,

I hope this email finds you well; it has been a while we spoke; the last meeting was - I am afraid - with

I am reaching out as we are considering to invite Commissioner Moedas to a panel discussion with [insert]. It will be in Brussels on 16th January and we plan a lunch event on that occasion. We are aware that that week is a Strasbourg week, but would hope that Monday lunch would potentially still be feasible.

We also support your ambition to enable Europe’s scientific power to excel, and believe that with science at its heart, Europe’s priorities and sustainable development goals can be achieved. New generation of technology innovation is delivering novel ways to expand economic opportunity and address some of humanity’s most pressing problems.

Here are three concrete examples in how we support EU innovation and research:

- Microsoft is making substantial investments to bring cloud computing, including HPC, to the EU, and already supports scientific users in all domains - including some of the European Data Infrastructure (EDI)’s partners, such as GÉANT. This includes those at the smallest universities, as well as the largest collaborative experiments such as at CERN, European Bioinformatics Institute and the Square Kilometer Array.
  
- Microsoft’s Azure for Research program is working directly with individual research teams to explore how cloud computing can help them do better, faster and more reproducible research, and has supported 250 projects in over 100 universities and research institutions across Europe to date. We continue to empower researchers, funding agencies and policymakers, by providing training, advice, and guidance on using the cloud for research. [https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/academic-program/microsoft-azure-for-research/](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/academic-program/microsoft-azure-for-research/)
• We are deploying novel hardware, such as FPGAs (field-programmable gate arrays) across Azure, recently demonstrating an exascale computation on our AI Supercomputer, and developing quantum computing with partners at TU Delft and the Niels Bohr institute. From our Microsoft Research base in Cambridge, we have a deep, long-standing R&D investment that reaches across the EU.

I would be thrilled if we could gain Commissioner Moedas for such a discussion and maybe he could meet beforehand as well. I may also come over to discuss in more detail if that is wished for.

Very kind regards,