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From: 
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To: REDING Viviane (CAB-REDING)
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Dear Vice-President of the European Commission, Viviane Reding,

considering the digital revolution and the implications of the NSA affair, please find a letter analyzing Europe's situation and options regarding Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). My conclusion is that, besides the financial crisis, global warming, the transition to renewable energy supply, finding an own ICT strategy and creating trustworthy ICT systems must be a European priority. Please find attached a related letter.

I would also like to inform you of a recent initiative I have started to develop competitive European Smart Data capacities. The goal of this initiative and the participating parties and communities would be to establish an international alliance of stakeholders focused on the generation, sharing and analysis of Smart Data to create societal, scientific and economic value and to jointly and collaboratively address global 21st century challenges such as

- financial and economic crises,
- environmental degradation and global warming,
- transition to renewable energy supply,
- cybercrime and cyberwar,
- newly emerging problems.

The aim is

- to promote international confidence building and collaboration,
- to create a trustable, transparent and participatory information and communication system and
- to establish an information and innovation ecosystem
* empowering politics, business, science, and citizens alike to take better-informed decisions and
* enabling creative activities and more participation of everyone in social, economic and political matters.

I expect that this can also make an effective contribution to the creation of new jobs in Europe.

It would be good to know, whether I can count on your support of this endeavor.

Thank you very much for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

PS: I am planning to send similar letters to: Neelie Kroes, Anne Glover, Robert Madelin, and Robert-Jan Smits

Selected recent publications:
• D. Helbing (2013) Economics 2.0: The Natural step towards a self-regulating, participatory market society, see https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/eier/10/1/10_D2013002/_article
Disaster. EPJ Data Science 1:7.