Subject: minutes meeting Zaneta Vegnere and Facebook 23 December 2020

The importance of free flow of data was discussed at large. As regards to the access to date, Facebook is looking for is legal certainty – like so many European small and big companies. In the long run, that legal certainty, in Facebook’s view, can only be provided by the EU and the US negotiating a successor regime for the Privacy Shield. In addition, European digital growth agenda and competitiveness needs free flow of data.

Facebook welcomed the initiative to form a stronger partnership between EU and the US in the tech space as part of the new EU-US agenda for global change.

In their consultation response to the AI White paper, Facebook advocated for a stronger EU-US cooperation and are happy to see that there’s an ambition to get a “Transatlantic AI Agreement to set a blueprint for regional and global standards aligned with our values.”

There was a meeting request for to meet EVP Dombrovskis. I would give a favourable recommendation, given the number of issues to be discussed: data flows; Facebook’s ambitions to provide digital financial services; digital taxation; EU digital growth agenda and EU – US cooperation in the field of technologies.