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Commissioner for  
Digital Economy and Society

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Dear [REDACTED],

*In early January 2018, the Commission will adopt a proposal to establish a structure (the EuroHPC Joint Undertaking) that will allow Europe to acquire, build and deploy some of the most powerful supercomputers of the world.*

*This is a major milestone that builds directly on the signature of the EuroHPC declaration by seven Member States that you witnessed last March in Rome at the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the Treaty of Rome. Since then, six more countries signed the EuroHPC declaration recognising the importance for Europe to launch an ambitious HPC strategy.*

*I am convinced that this initiative will help developing a thriving European HPC ecosystem covering the full value chain, from hardware and software to applications and skills. It will also foster a competitive European supply industry.*

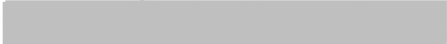
*I expect your company to play a major role in the success of EuroHPC especially given that an ATOS/Bull led Consortium was recently selected to develop the European low-power microprocessor technology, one of the key pillars of the EuroHPC initiative, that could become the basis for building Europe's future competitive exascale machines.*

*The Regulation for establishing the EuroHPC JU will then be negotiated with the Council under the Bulgarian Presidency starting in January 2018. They have made a priority of progressing swiftly on this file so that the Joint Undertaking can start operating in 2019.*

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*With that objective in mind, Bulgaria will be organising in close cooperation with my services a high-level event on HPC on 19 April in Sofia entitled 'Shaping Europe's Digital Future – HPC for Extreme Scale Scientific and Industrial applications'. The event will aim at promoting the importance for Europe to invest on ambitious HPC technologies and the key role that these play in addressing a wide range of scientific, industrial and societal challenges.*

*On the occasion of this event, I will deliver the opening words and invite you to provide the key note speech immediately after. Additionally, you could as well participate as one of the key Panellists in a panel session addressing "HPC and Future Computing Paradigms". I am convinced that your experience and insights in the HPC field would highly contribute to a successful outcome of the event and look forward to welcoming you there. In my team, Manuel Mateo Goyet  follows this file.*

*Yours faithfully,*



*Mariya GABRIEL*