

## Steering brief

### **Scene setter**

On 7 February at 16.00, you will have a 30-minute meeting with Mr. [REDACTED] Huawei CEO for Europe and Chief Representative to the EU Institutions, at his request. He will be accompanied by [REDACTED] Cyber Security and Data Protection, and [REDACTED] Global Government Affairs (CVs in your file).

Mr [REDACTED] would like to discuss about Huawei's future investments in Europe and the necessary guarantees needed for a trusting relationship with the European authorities.

### **About Huawei**

Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd. is a Chinese multinational technology company. It provides telecommunications equipment and sells consumer electronics and smartphones. It is the world's largest telecom equipment maker and China's largest telephone-network equipment maker. With 3,442 patents, Huawei became the world's No. 1 applicant for international patents in 2014.

Huawei plans to build new factory capacities in Europe to make 5G equipment. Their motto is: '5G for Europe made in Europe'. Huawei is currently conducting a feasibility study and the choice of the countries will depend on that study.

Huawei is also very active in Artificial Intelligence (AI) research and development. In 2019, Huawei launched its Atlas series of products and cloud services based on Ascend processors with powerful computing capabilities, including the Atlas AI training servers. Huawei claims that these are among the products to have attained the pinnacle of computing power worldwide. Huawei also claims to have an extensive offer on AI for good products, including software for helping impaired children or medical devices.

Over the next five years, Huawei plans to invest EUR 100 million in the AI Ecosystem Program in Europe to support industry organisations, 200,000 developers, 500 Independent Software Vendor (ISV) partners, and 50 universities and research institutes in boosting innovation.

Huawei European Research Institute is a member of the Big Data Value Association (BDVA). The BDVA is the private counterpart to the EU Commission for the Big Data Public Private Partnership (PPP) of Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation programme.

### **Key messages**

#### **On 5G**

- To ensure that 5G networks are cybersecure and resilient, Europe is putting a strict but proportionate 5G security framework in place.
- The toolbox of mitigating measures, published on 29 January, is designed to address major risks to 5G networks in a coordinated way, based on an objective assessment.
- These measures will apply to everybody, without targeting any actor or country. Everyone who complies with our rules can access the European market.
- Still, Member States have the right to decide whether to exclude companies from their markets for national security reasons.
- The Commission will act, as requested by Member States, using all its instruments to the extent necessary, to address the identified security considerations.

#### **On Artificial Intelligence**

- The Commission aims to have 'AI made in Europe' developed in such a way that it can be a powerful engine to drive our technological sovereignty.

- In recent years, we have published a comprehensive and ambitious strategy for AI in Europe; a Coordinated Plan on AI identifying priority areas of action and investment; Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI; and we are currently considering expert group recommendations for AI development and uptake in Europe.
- After 2020, investments should progressively reach EUR 20 billion per year (public and private combined).
- On 19 February, the Commission will release proposals developing further the European approach to AI.

***On data***

- The Commission recognises the importance of data as an enabler of technological innovations, and seeks to support citizens in benefitting from the 'data revolution' in a secure and privacy-preserving way, including through reuse of existing data.
- We are now considering policy initiatives for the coming years. A strategy on data is planned for adoption on 19 February.
- We will be stimulating the creation of a native European cloud supply. At the same time, the Commission supports EU companies doing business abroad, while remaining vigilant that EU standards remain applicable to any data processing activities.
- Data sharing and keeping control over strategic data assets need to go hand in hand.

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