

Subject: FW: Additional document for GESTDEM 2020/4861 (Google follow-up correspondence)

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 Subject: Thank you

Dear Anthony,

It was a pleasure to speak with you last week. Thank you for your time and for the excellent discussion across a range of important topics - from our COVID-19 response, to the Digital Services Act, transatlantic cooperation, and sustainability.

As a brief follow-up to some of the points raised in our conversation:

- We remain committed to working closely with the European Commission and Member State governments to promote both the use and the interoperability of exposure notification apps. My team has been in touch with DG Connect to quickly address any issues that might arise, but please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can personally do to help. Our latest update is available [here](#).
- We are working closely with Vice-President Jourová, Commissioner Breton and Commissioner Reynders on promoting authoritative content and fighting harmful disinformation related to COVID-19. We will soon be submitting our first monthly report on the actions we have been taking in this area. You can find more details about this topic in our latest [Information Quality and Content Moderation White Paper](#).
- We are in touch with Commissioner Schmit and his team on how we can work even more closely to [promote digital skills](#), with particular focus on empowering young people and European SMEs to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. We remain committed to supporting the Commission in its important efforts here.
- Our respective submissions to the DSA Inception Impact Assessments can be found here: [ex ante response](#) and [intermediary liability response](#). We will share with you our submission to the full DSA consultation once it is finalized.
- With respect to copyright, we recently announced our plans to create a new news product through a [content licensing approach](#) with news publishers. We have signed a number of deals in Germany and are in discussion with publishers in a number of other European countries. We are also deeply engaged in EUCD transpositions in Member States and are preparing our response to the consultation on the Commission's Article 17 guidelines.
- As mentioned we are in touch with the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In case you and your team have questions, my team would be happy to answer them.

- As I briefly mentioned at the end of our call, this year is the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth. In recognition of this event, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I have asked my

team to follow up and share specific ideas how President von der Leyen and the Commission could participate in the celebrations.

I look forward to continuing this dialogue with you in the months ahead. Once again, thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help in any way.

Kind regards,



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