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Subject: Thanks and follow-up

Dear Anthony,

It was a pleasure speaking with you last week. I very much appreciate your time and the open exchange on a number of important issues - from the future of the Transatlantic relations to the upcoming AI legislation.

I'm happy to share with you that [we have just announced](#) our new partnership with the European Investment Fund (EIF). We will be investing in two EIF funds, providing \$15 million in loan capital to 1,000 European small businesses and \$10 million in EIF's venture capital fund backing 200 life sciences companies. We are excited about this – we think that, in addition to our many product innovations, providing enhanced access to capital is another important way we can support Europe's small businesses and help the EU address the pandemic. On a related note, we would be happy to follow your suggestions regarding our previous offer of Crisis Relief Ad Grants to the EU Commission.

As for the events at the US Capitol last January, I'd like to share with you an op-ed by Kent Walker, Google's SVP for Global Affairs, which was published in [FAZ](#) (DE), [Le Monde](#) (FR) and [Corriere](#) (IT). It summarizes our response to the event, reflects on the responsibility of online platforms and addresses the need for clearer rules for managing content - including via the DSA. On a related note, [here](#) you will find more information about our new Google Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC) in Dublin, which will focus on content responsibility.

Regarding AI, I appreciate the ongoing dialogue with the Commission on the future risk-based AI regulation. We care deeply about the [responsible AI](#) commitments and I thought you might find it interesting to check our recent [recommendations for regulating AI](#).

We didn't get the chance to discuss our collaboration with publishers. As you may have seen in [press reports](#), Google and the main publisher association in France, the Alliance de la Presse d'Information Générale (APIG), reached an agreement a few days ago. You can read more about the progress we are

making to sign deals with publishers globally in this [new blog post](#). As for the recent developments in Australia, I would like to point to [Kent's post from last Thursday](#), which also includes a [summary of what others are saying](#) about this topic.

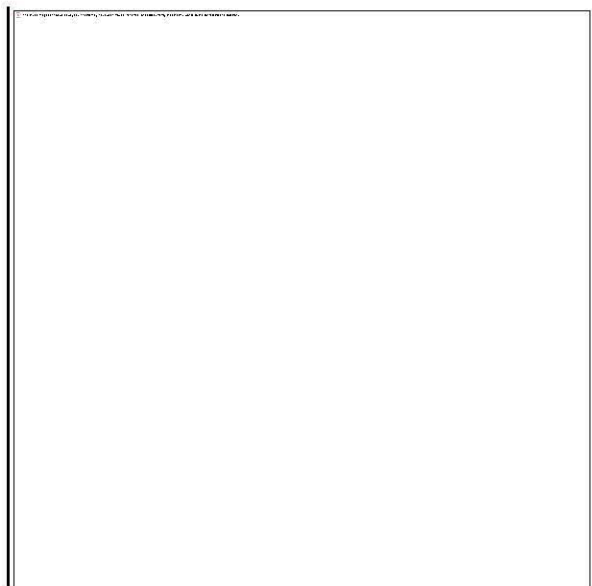
Finally, as discussed, I do think a meeting between President von der Leyen and our CEO Sundar Pichai could be quite helpful. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on when that might be possible. If you ever need anything, please do not hesitate to contact me or my team in Brussels.

Thank you again for your time and I look forward to reconnecting with you soon.

Best regards,

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