



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis

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**Meeting with Microsoft on EU-U.S. Trade & Technology Council**


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**MINUTES**

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**Meeting participants:**

Microsoft: 

CAB-Dombrovskis: E. Melngaile

CAB-Vestager: A. Cainzos

**Topic:** EU-U.S. Trade & Technology Council (TTC)

**Minutes of the meeting:**

Microsoft

- Want to play a helpful role in bringing actors together, creating coalitions, provide insights and be fundamentally helpful to the process.
- The coalition is seeking further opportunities to work further and seeks collaboration for the future.

CAB Vestager

- Two meetings, last one in Paris. We had an agenda setting meeting. A 50-page declaration came with deliverables.
- Now moving into the stage of projects: translate into things that are concrete, have an impact on the ground, for SMEs and businesses. The success of the Council will be demonstrated by results and how effective we are in delivering those. Need to translate recommendations into concrete things we can do.

- What are the areas of standard setting where we could move forward, and industry could help? Need to come to a point of common repository that is used for companies on both sides of the Atlantic. We invite you to participate with ideas.
- Supply chains are also important, raw materials, we look at projects on mining refining, supply chain management on both sides.
- Now we are focused on translating into concrete projects.

Microsoft

- Want to make a clear set of recommendations, public set of recommendations?

CAB Dombrovskis

- 5 areas we look at for the next TTC:
  - o Working in export controls, developing coordinated implementation.
  - o Focus on supply chains, food security, but also semiconductors etc.
  - o Will create spin-offs of TTC, dedicated meetings with possibility to invite other partners.
  - o Looking at anti coercion, AI roadmap and tech regulation, standards, e.g, EV charging stations.

Microsoft

- Happy to participate in spin-off meetings. Will come back with proposals where we could be helpful and contribute meaningfully.

CAB Vestager

- Will probably have a PPP on skills, which could be interesting for Microsoft.
- TTC could be used to promote academic exchange, etc.

Microsoft

- Struggling to find an interface between what the private sector is doing around skilling and where the formalised, public sector education is contributing.