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Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Administration, Public Enterprises, Telecommunication and the Postal Services

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Dear Deputy Prime Minister,  
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## **Council Conclusions on the Future of EU Digital Policy**

BusinessEurope would like to express our sincere appreciation for the recent Council conclusions for the Future of EU Digital Policy. As you are aware, the EU single market is one of the greatest achievements of the European Union, and we are very pleased to see that its smooth and forward-looking digital transformation is highlighted firmly as a priority by the EU Member States.

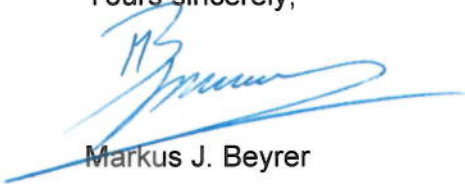
We strongly believe that achieving the Digital Decade targets alongside coherent implementation and harmonised interpretation of the updated regulatory framework will help solidify the EU's competitiveness on the world stage beyond being the rule-maker in the digital sphere.

As a confederation of industry associations spanning across all sectors of the economy, we are particularly pleased to see that the Council of the EU shares the commitment to improve synergies among the different (new and existing) competent bodies to help the digital transformation of the EU's economy and society. The resources that the European Union already envisaged through various programmes must be coordinated thus their impact being maximised. As businesses are integrating more technologies and services in their path to digitalisation, we also echo the need to ensure the coherence between the digital and cybersecurity policy of the Union.

In conclusion, we believe that validating that the EU digital policy's objectives are delivering results "on the ground", underpinned via mid-term analysis of the interplay of horizontal and sectoral EU legislative acts, is the best way forward to bring the value of the EU closer to citizens and to businesses of every size; targeted regulatory intervention is warranted only when genuine market failures are identified.

BusinessEurope remains committed to supporting the EU's green and digital transitions, and we firmly believe that a well-functioning digital single market is at the heart of these transformations.

Yours sincerely,



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