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In several occasions Ministers have discussed various aspects relating to the Gigabit Society. In particular, on 9 June 2017 Ministers discussed the relationship between effective coordination and investment for the roll-out of next generation networks.

On 18 July, Ministers signed a 5G declaration¹ confirming their willingness to position Europe as the global lead market for 5G.

On 24 October, Ministers will informally discuss the next steps over an informal lunch. The Presidency will then summarise orally the outcome of this discussion.

¹ https://www.eu2017.ee/sites/default/files/inline-files/Ministerial%20declaration%205G_final_0.pdf