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On 1 July 2015, Luxembourg will take over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the 12<sup>th</sup> time. During the months to come, the upcoming Presidency will put all its efforts in making progress and, where possible, concluding ongoing legislative files and furthering policy initiatives. Being fundamentally attached to the European construction and the values and principles of the Union, the Luxembourg Presidency will act as a facilitator and honest broker in trying to find approaches representing the views of all Member States.

Digital is not a sector in itself but a horizontal enabler throughout a wide range of sectors and activities. The digital economy is a powerful lever for growth and competitiveness. In this respect, while expecting the concrete legislative proposals from the Commission, the Luxembourg Presidency intends to adequately follow-up and ensure a coordinated approach of the Digital Single Market (DSM) strategy, notably with a view to the various upcoming consultations, in particular the review of the telecoms regulatory framework.

Acknowledging the important progress that has already been made and depending on the further work that is still to be done before the end of the Latvian Presidency, the Luxembourg Presidency will work towards a rapid adoption of the proposal for a Regulation laying down measures concerning the European single market for electronic communications and to achieve a Connected Continent (TSM).

The ever-growing importance of network and information security is essential for the functioning of our societies and economies. In this respect, the directive concerning measures to ensure a high common level of network and information security across the Union (NIS) is an important building block for improving cybersecurity in the EU and cross-border cooperation in this field. Given the state of negotiations and building on the progress to be achieved before the end of June, the intention of the Luxembourg Presidency is to foster a timely adoption of the file.

Improving the accessibility of websites is crucial in order to encourage the inclusion and participation of all users, in particular people with functional limitations, in the digital economy. The Luxembourg Presidency therefore intends to put efforts into finalising the work on the directive on the accessibility of public sector bodies' websites.

Furthermore, rapid progress is needed to adopt the decision establishing a programme on interoperability solutions for European public administrations, businesses and citizens (ISA2) in order to support cross-border and cross-sector interaction for European public administrations, enterprises and citizens.

The second semester 2015 will see important developments on the international stage. The World Radiocommunications Conference, which will take place in November 2015, will take essential decisions for the years to come. The Luxembourg Presidency aims to ensure an adequate preparation and coordination process in view of this ITU conference. The upcoming Presidency will also closely monitor and keep Member States informed on developments in the field of Internet governance.

Finally, the Luxembourg Presidency will put an emphasis on the cross-sectorial importance of eSkills for the European digital economy through the organisation of different events to be held throughout the second semester 2015.