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On 1 July 2019, Romania will hand over the rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union to Finland. Finland is committed to continuing work on the outstanding legislative files, but also wishes to take the opportunity to discuss the Union's strategic priorities and future digital policy towards mainstreaming and strengthening of digital services, high-speed connections and data economy as an integral part of the Single Market. We hope this work will result in increased sustainability, growth, employment, competitiveness, security and innovation in the EU.

To this end, our motto is *Smart connections for sustainable growth*.

We wish to turn the discussions towards trusted and human centric data economy within Europe respecting the rights and privacy of individuals. Throughout our presidency and through high level conferences on data and digital transport, we aim to involve businesses, stakeholders and citizens alike in the discussions on European data policy. Our aim, too, is to encourage debate on what can be done to promote the access to and the re-use of data in general, in the context of sectoral development and with regard to AI. We will also continue the negotiations on the **ePrivacy proposal** and further them as far as possible with the aim to ensure high quality of the legislation.

The Finnish Presidency will also continue work on the **European Cybersecurity Competence Centre Regulation proposal**. We hope that it will be possible to return to the negotiating table with the Parliament in order to reach a common understanding on this file.

One of priorities of the EU is to improve the availability of high capacity and increasingly fast networks and promote the deployment of 5G infrastructure and services. To ensure the swift deployment of 5G in Europe we need also to reflect on the **security of these networks on the basis of the Commission Recommendation**.

The TTE Council under the Finnish Presidency will take place on 3 December 2019.
