



INVITATION

(for Kangaroo Group Members and Guests)

ONLINE - CYBER TALK

Tuesday, 9 June 2020 at 14:30 -16.00 hrs

“How to drive investment in Europe for data storage infrastructure”

There is a distinct feeling that the European economy keeps losing out on digital opportunities. A regular argument in the debate is a lack of a level-playing field, in particular for SMEs. In terms of digital data, two models have emerged so far: the US model which is purely market driven on the one hand, and the Chinese model where data is state-controlled. Recently, the European Commission has picked up the challenge and presented a double strategy, the European Data Strategy and another one on artificial intelligence. Commissioner Thierry Breton insists that Europe has the largest industry sector in the world and therefore, should become the global leader when it comes to industrial digital data.

The big question behind these two initiatives is: Can Europe establish a third model, one that is more citizen-centred and still providing a substantial contribution to the European economy? What could be innovative ways to use data, while keeping citizens' rights in mind and what role can European legislation play in this context? Axel Voss as the rapporteur for the report on liability for Artificial Intelligence and in charge for the EPP Group of the topic of “digital sovereignty” will discuss jointly with Pierre Chastanet from DG Connect, Rafael Laguna from the German Federal agency for Disruptive Innovation and Sebastiano Toffaletti from the Digital SME Alliance from different angles about these issues.

Moderator:

- **Christoph RAAB, Member of the Kangaroo Group**

Introductory Statement:

- **Pierre CHASTANET, Head of Unit, “Cloud & Software”, DG Connect, European Commission**

Speakers:

- **Axel VOSS MEP, EPP/Germany, Member of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, Coordinator**
- **Rafael LAGUNA DE LA VERA, Executive Director, Federal Agency for Disruptive Innovation, Germany**
- **Sebastiano TOFFALETTI, Secretary General, DIGITAL SME Alliance**

This debate will be conducted via Jitsi Meet and hosted by the Kangaroo Group

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