



A Digital Single Market?

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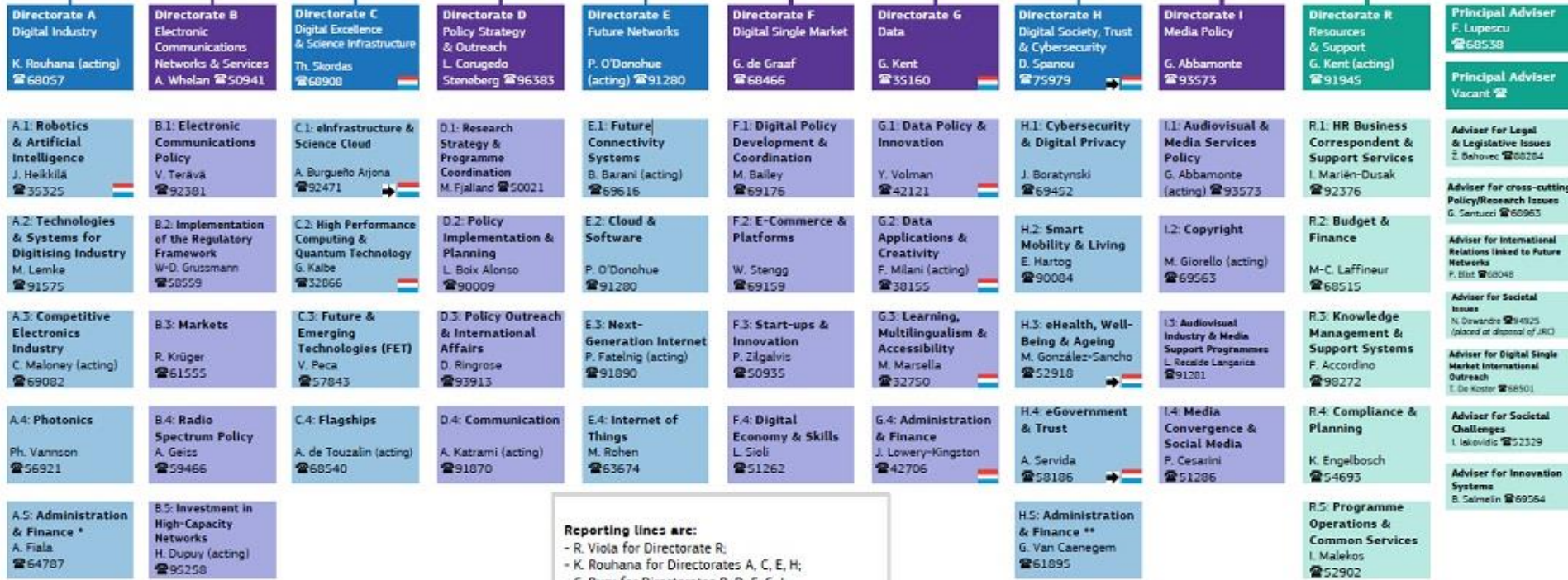
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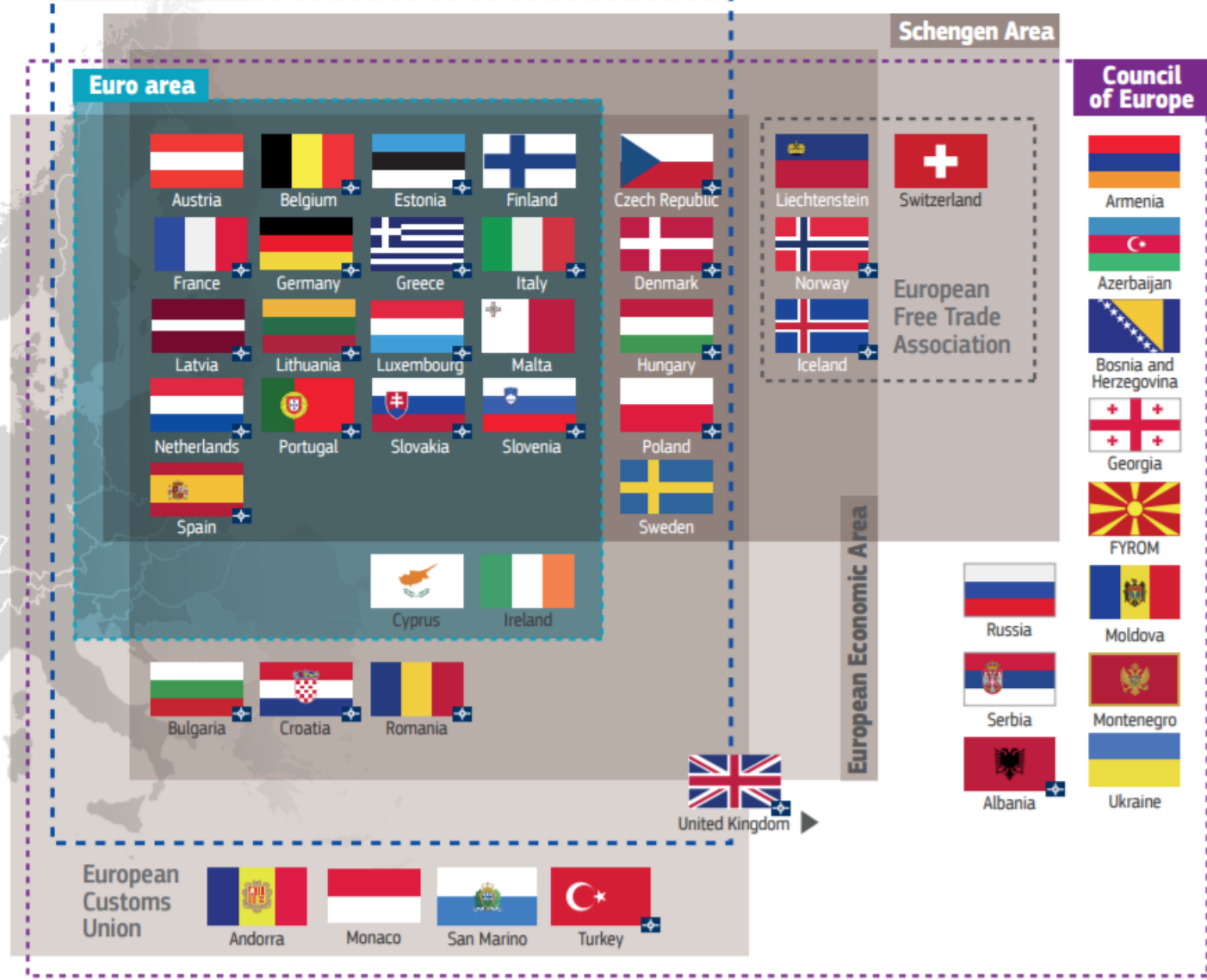
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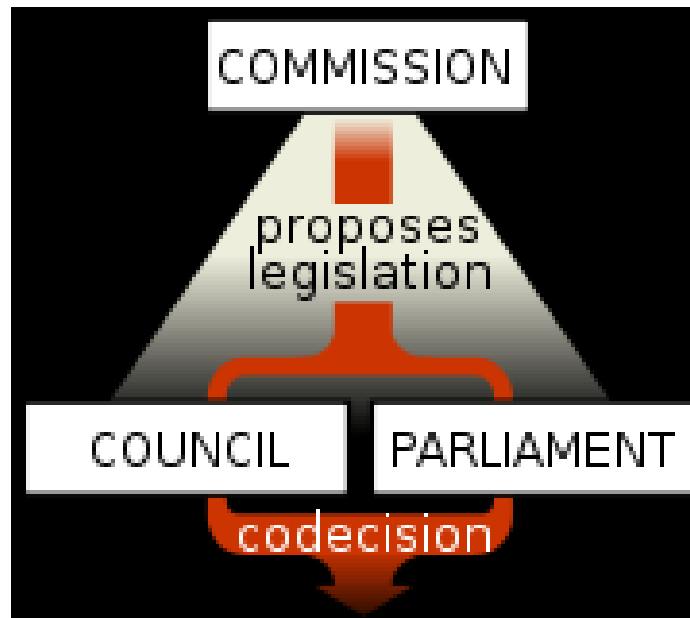




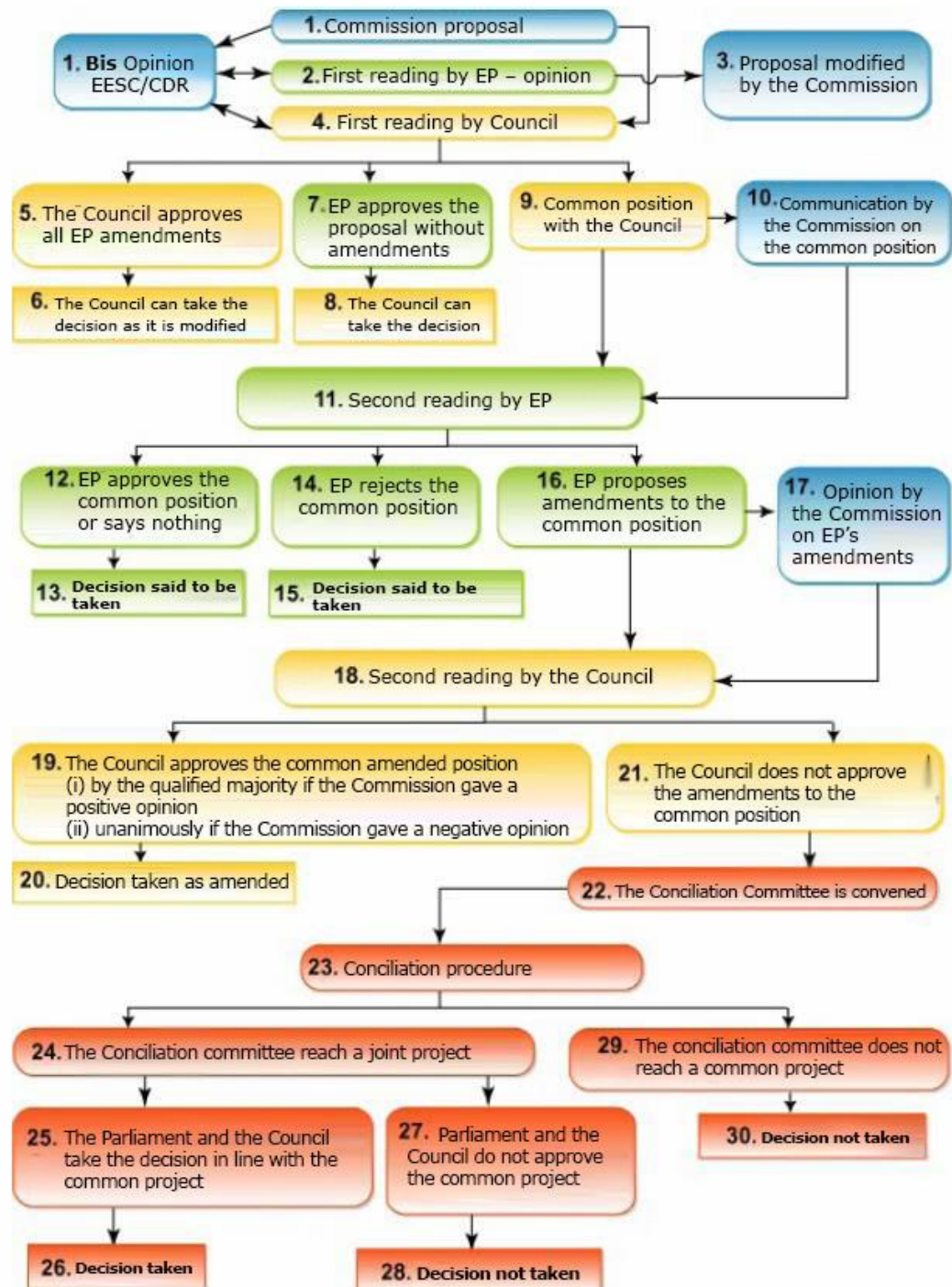
Olav Thon, born 29 June 1923 in Ål, Hallingdal.

Listed in the Forbes list of billionaires as the 198th richest person in the world

Process



Co-decision procedure



Why focus on digital?



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Chart of the Week

THE LARGEST COMPANIES BY MARKET CAP

The oil barons have been replaced by the whiz kids of Silicon Valley



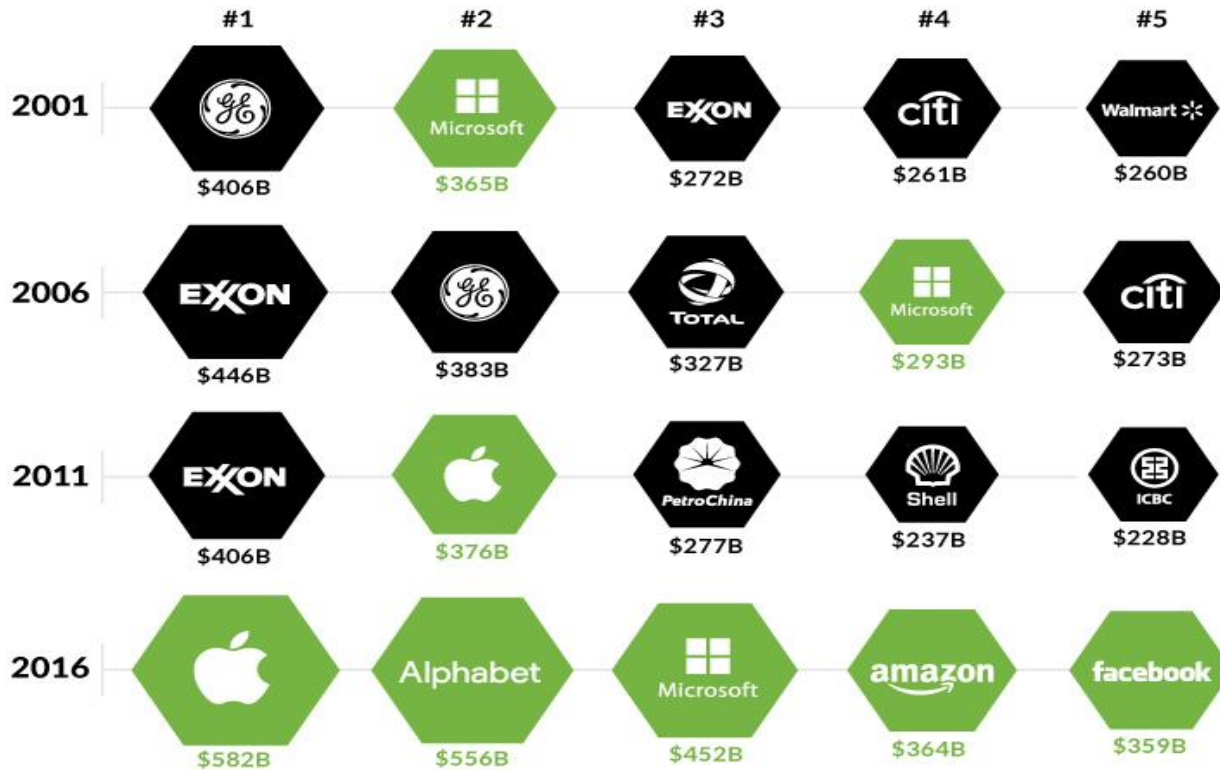
Top 5 Publicly Traded Companies (by Market Cap)



Tech



Other





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1. Microsoft

\$780B

2. Apple

\$748B

3. Amazon

\$735B

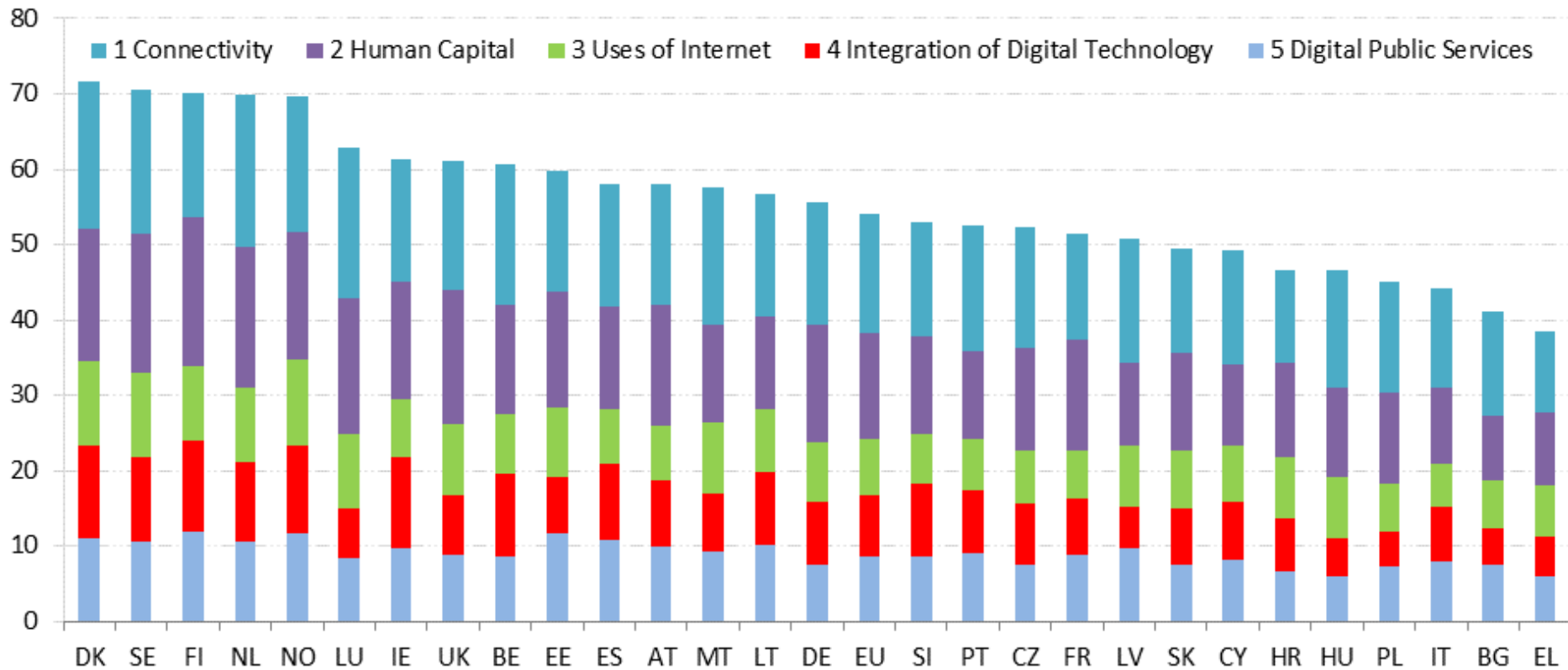
4. Alphabet

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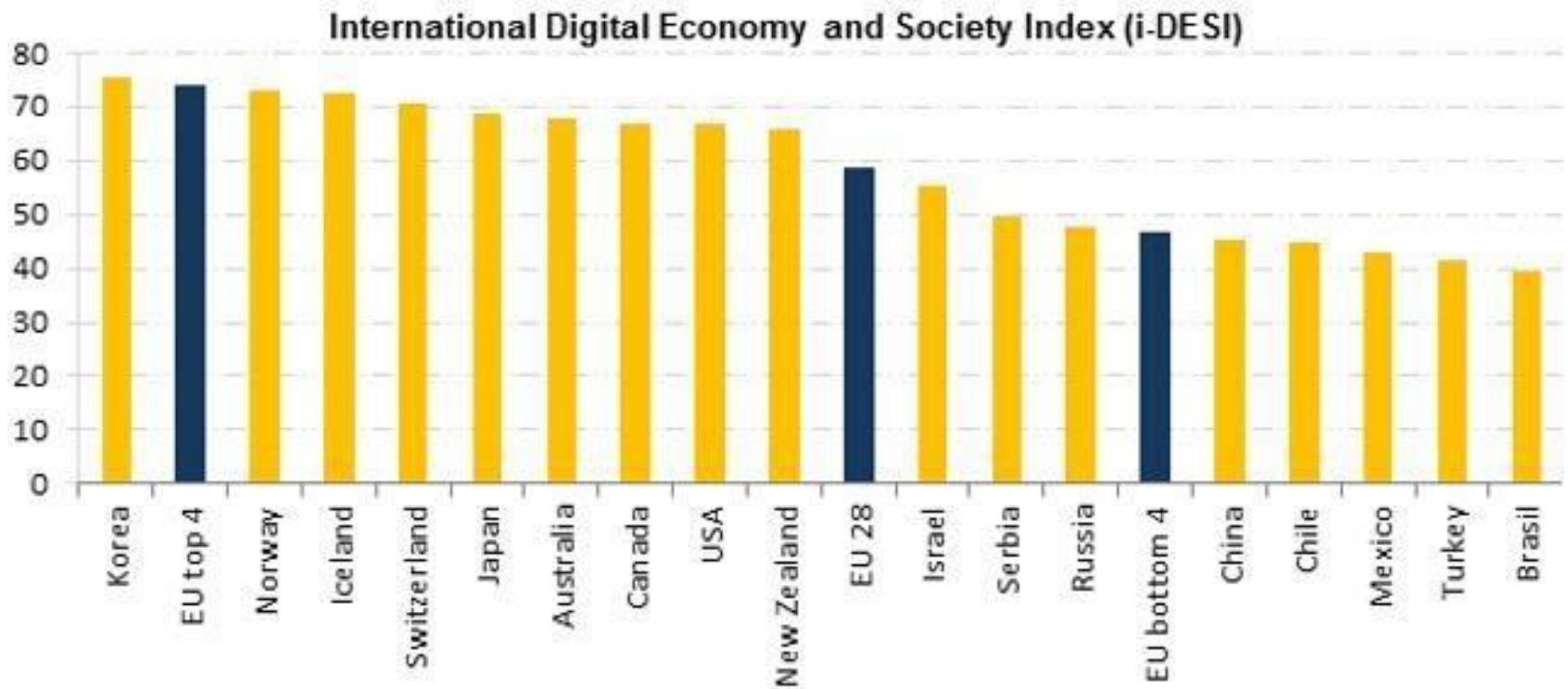
5. Berkshire Hathaway

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Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) 2018 ranking



Europe lags behind



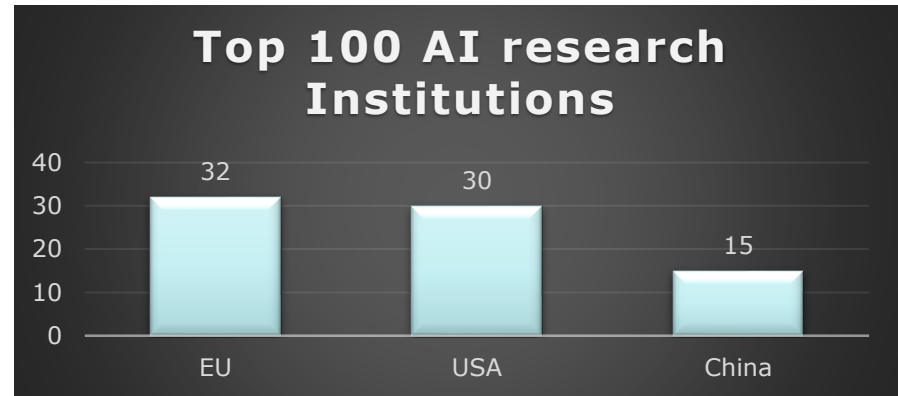


The example of High Performance Computers

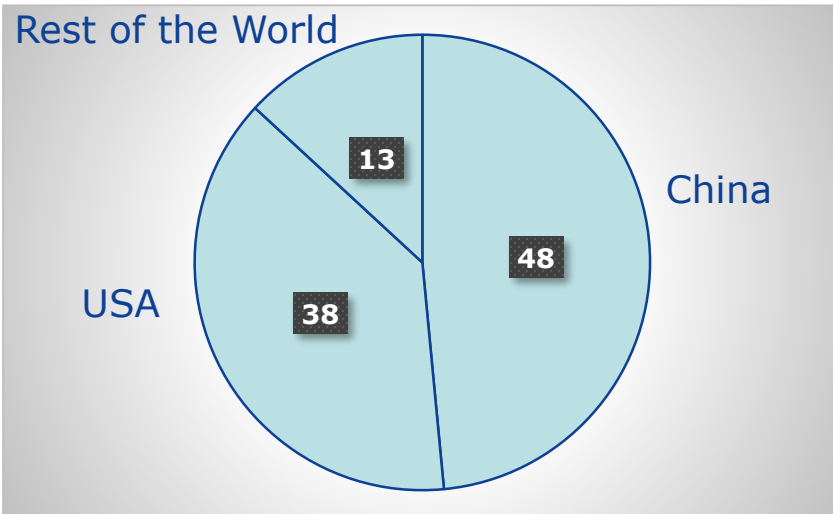
Rank	Site	System	Cores	Rmax [TFlop/s]	Rpeak [TFlop/s]	Power [kW]
1	DOE/SC/Oak Ridge National Laboratory United States	Summit - IBM Power System AC922, IBM POWER9 22C 3.07GHz, NVIDIA Volta GV100, Dual-rail Mellanox EDR Infiniband IBM	2,282,544	122,300.0	187,659.3	8,806
2	National Supercomputing Center in Wuxi China	Sunway TaihuLight - Sunway MPP, Sunway SW26010 260C 1.45GHz, Sunway NRPC	10,649,600	93,014.6	125,435.9	15,371
3	DOE/NNSA/LLNL United States	Sierra - IBM Power System S922LC, IBM POWER9 22C 3.1GHz, NVIDIA Volta GV100, Dual-rail Mellanox EDR Infiniband IBM / NVIDIA / Mellanox	1,572,480	71,610.0	119,193.6	
4	National Super Computer Center in Guangzhou China	Tianhe-2A - TH-IVB-FEP Cluster, Intel Xeon E5-2692v2 12C 2.2GHz, TH Express-2, Matrix-2000 NUDT	4,981,760	61,444.5	100,678.7	18,482
5	National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) Japan	AI Bridging Cloud Infrastructure (ABCI) - PRIMERGY CX2550 M4, Xeon Gold 6148 20C 2.4GHz, NVIDIA Tesla V100 SXM2, Infiniband EDR Fujitsu	391,680	19,880.0	32,576.6	1,649
6	Swiss National Supercomputing Centre (CSCS) Switzerland	Piz Daint - Cray XC50, Xeon E5-2690v3 12C 2.6GHz, Aries interconnect, NVIDIA Tesla P100 Cray Inc.	361,760	19,590.0	25,326.3	2,272
7	DOE/SC/Oak Ridge National Laboratory United States	Titan - Cray XK7, Opteron 6274 16C 2.200GHz, Cray Gemini interconnect, NVIDIA K20x Cray Inc.	560,640	17,590.0	27,112.5	8,209
8	DOE/NNSA/LLNL United States	Sequoia - BlueGene/Q, Power BQC 16C 1.60 GHz, Custom IBM	1,572,864	17,173.2	20,132.7	7,890
9	DOE/NNSA/LANL/SNL United States	Trinity - Cray XC40, Intel Xeon Phi 7250 68C 1.4GHz, Aries interconnect Cray Inc.	979,968	14,137.3	43,902.6	3,844
10	DOE/SC/LBNL/NERSC United States	Cori - Cray XC40, Intel Xeon Phi 7250 68C 1.4GHz, Aries interconnect Cray Inc.	622,336	14,014.7	27,880.7	3,939

The example of Artificial Intelligence

1. Public and private
Investments in AI – R&D

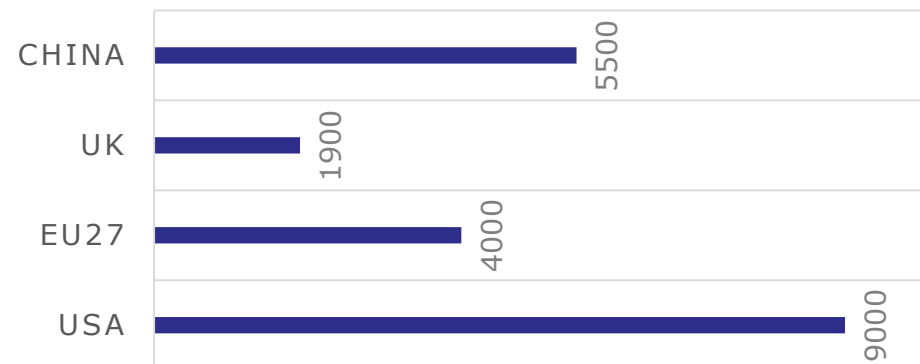


2. Investments in AI – VC Start-ups
- \$15,2 bln

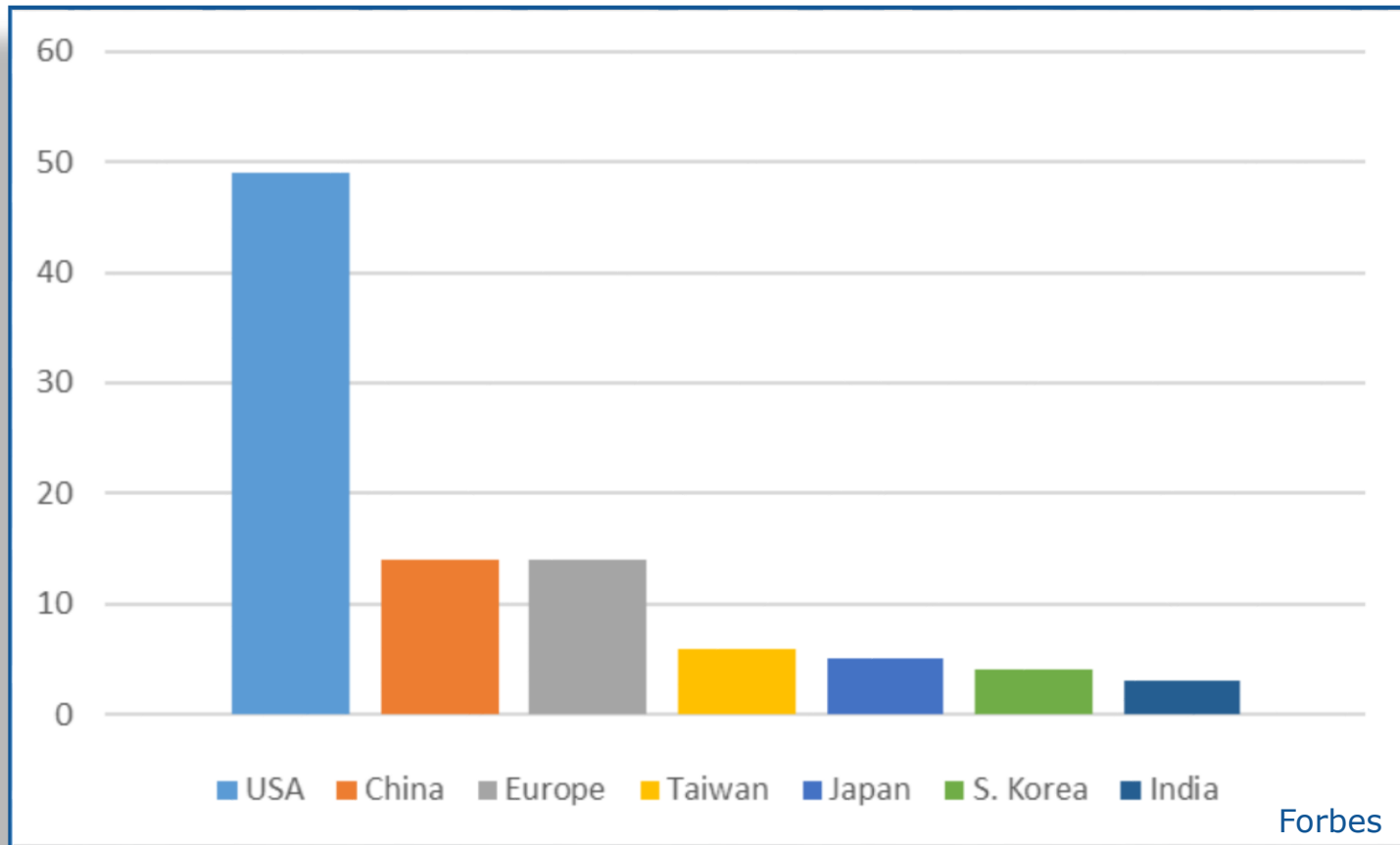


3. Investments in AI –
Talent

PHD EDUCATED AI RESEARCHERS - GLOBALLY



Top 100 Digital companies



Geopolitics: it's not just about the economy, stupid!

TECH

Putin: Leader in artificial intelligence will rule world

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KEY POINTS

- Putin says that whoever reaches a breakthrough in developing artificial intelligence will come to dominate the world.
- Putin warned that "it would be strongly undesirable if someone wins a monopolist position".



TRENDING NOW



The short version:

“The Digital Single Market is a Juncker Commission's top priority. A fully functional Digital Single Market could contribute €415 billion per year to our economy and create hundreds of thousands of new job”

The EU approach

Main underlying drivers to take into account

Economic

- Impact of AI and robotics on jobs
- Digital skills gap

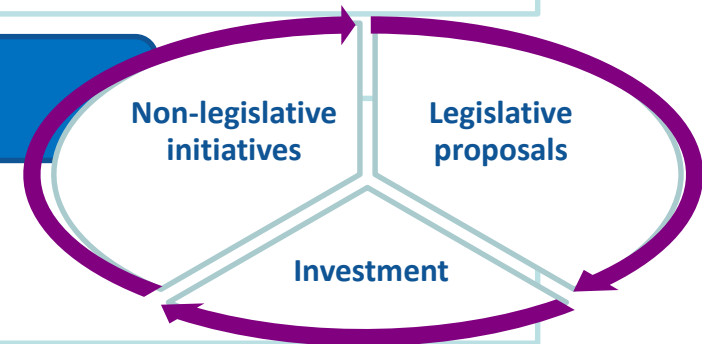
Social

- Digital divide
- Wealth distribution

Ethical

- Algorithmic bias
- Explainability of AI based decisions

A MIX OF POLICY MEASURES



The Digital Single Market Strategy

Policy response to the opportunities & challenges of the digital revolution

THE STRATEGY AT A GLANCE

**Better access
for consumers
and businesses**

**An environment
where digital
networks and
services can prosper**

**Maximise the
growth potential of
the digital economy**

- Geo-blocking
- E-commerce (digital contracts, consumer protection)
- Copyright
- Parcel delivery
- VAT
- Telecoms market
- Media services
- Platforms and intermediaries
- Trust and security (e-privacy, cybersecurity cPPP)
- Data Economy
- Inclusive digital society
- Interoperability and Standardisation
- Digitisation of European industry

**European Council
implementation deadline:
2018(ish)**



**DSM Strategy Mid-Term
Review:
May 2017**



**DSM Strategy:
May 2015**

Pillars	Policy initiatives	Legislative proposal	2015	2016		2017		2018		2019	
			2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem	1st Sem	2nd Sem
Access	Modernise eCommerce	Geo-Blocking	X								
		Digital contracts - supply of digital content	X								
		Digital contracts - online sales of goods	X								
		Reduce VAT burden for eCommerce	X								
		Parcel delivery	X								
		Consumers rights enforcement	X								
		Report on eCommerce sector inquiry									
	Cross-border portability	X									
	Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement	Guidance on IP enforcement aspects									
		Copyright Directive	X								
Copyright Regulation (including Satellite Cable*		X									
A modern copyright framework	Marrakesh Treaty (Directive&Regulation)	X									
Digital environment	Spectrum - UHF band (470-790 MHz)	X									
	Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD)	X									
	Online platforms	X									
	Wholesale Roaming	X									
	European Agenda for Collaborative Economy	BEREC Regulation	X								
		European Electronic Communications Code	X								
		WiFi4EU	X								
		Towards a Gigabit Society Communication (incl. Connectivity targets)									
		5G Action Plan									
		Guidelines on significant market power in the telecoms sector									
	ePrivacy	X									
	Cyber Security*	X									
	Economy and society	Digitising European industry									
		European Data Economy	Communication on Building a European Data Economy								
2nd Data Package (Free flow of non-personal data)			X								
3rd Data Package (PSI Review, private data sharing, scientific data sharing)			X								
e-Government											
Standardisation & interoperability		ICT Standardisation priorities									
		European Interoperability framework									
Digital skills		New Skills Agenda for Europe									
		Digital Education Plan									
European Cloud initiative		European Open Science Cloud									
		High Performance Computing	X								
Communication on AI											
Recommendation on tackling illegal content online											
Communication on Fake News											
.eu top level domain regulation		X									
Fintech Action Plan											
Communication on eHealth											

	Commission Initiative adopted
	Aim to reach agreement in Parliament and Council
	Adoption in Parliament and Council (agreement reached)

Implementation progress in → 4 years → legislative proposals

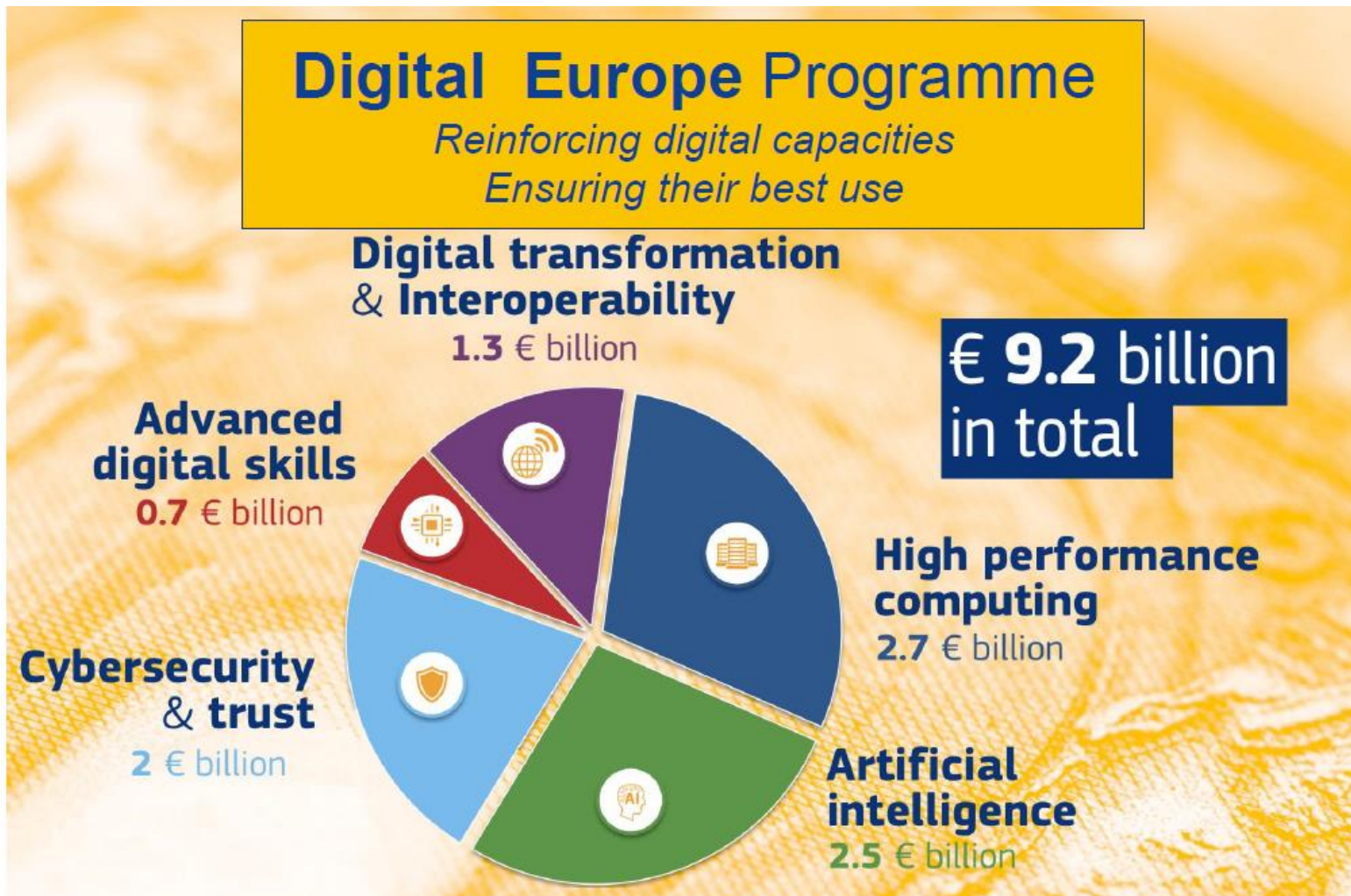
Almost 30 legislative proposals. Agreement reached on:

- ✓ End of roaming charges
- ✓ Portability of content
- ✓ Spectrum
- ✓ Marrakesh Treaty implementing acts
- ✓ Wifi4EU
- ✓ End of unjustified geo-blocking
- ✓ Modernisation of VAT for e-commerce
- ✓ Consumer Protection Cooperation
- ✓ AVMSD review
- ✓ Telecoms Code
- ✓ Free Flow of Non-Personal Data
- ✓ (Copyright and Platform-to-business?)
- ✓ ...and more!



Possible Post - Juncker

Policy response: The Digital Europe Programme 2021-2027



Artificial intelligence

The Commission will fund projects to support the use of AI in many applications in key areas:

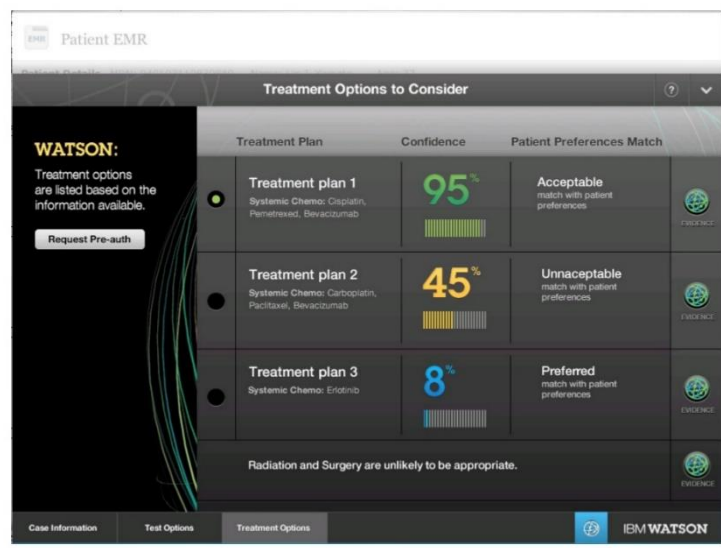
- **Healthcare (Watson)**
- **Farming (prediction, picture processing etc.)**
- **Transport (CCAM, traffic jams, decentralised traffic flows, sea transport, door-to-door delivery)**
- **Public administration (Prediction: right place at the right time)**
- **Digitise industry in general (Finance, insurance and McDonalds)**

Watson Corpus

Over 1TB of data
Over 40M documents
Over 100M entities and relationships

Chemical database	12M+ chemical structures
Public genomics	20.000+ genes
Medical text books	50+ books
Medline	23M+ abstracts
Other journals	100+ journals
FDA drugs/labels	11.000+ drugs
Patents	16M+ patents

*IBM Watson correctly diagnosed a 60-year-old woman's rare form of leukaemia within 10 minutes – a medical mystery that doctors had missed for months at the University of Tokyo: Watson sifted through 20 million cancer research papers, and came up with the proper diagnosis **within 10 minutes**, suggesting a new treatment that has since been more effective*



WATSON:
Treatment options are listed based on the information available.
Request Pre-auth

Treatment Plan	Confidence	Patient Preferences Match
Treatment plan 1 Systemic Chemo: Cisplatin, Pemetrexed, Bevacizumab	95%	Acceptable match with patient preferences
Treatment plan 2 Systemic Chemo: Carboplatin, Paclitaxel, Bevacizumab	45%	Unacceptable match with patient preferences
Treatment plan 3 Systemic Chemo: Erlotinib	8%	Preferred match with patient preferences

Radiation and Surgery are unlikely to be appropriate.

Case Information | Test Options | Treatment Options | IBM WATSON

Superhuman eyes



Input
Chest X-Ray Image

CheXNet
121-layer CNN

Output
Pneumonia Positive (85%)



What could go wrong?

Robots read all the worlds news, social media feeds, etc. and then they buy/sell the best stocks in 0.01 second



70% of **all** stock trades done by robots, not people!

Kilde: IBM

“And then there are other tested and tried methods of politics. We need to go back to this messy thing of making political regulations and choices of all this. It's maybe the most important. Politics is about power. And this is where power is right now.”

Yuval Noah Harari on how to handle the super-computer aimed at your head – Wired April 2018

High Performance Computers

- *Two exascale machines by 2022/2023 (at least one with European technology)*
- *At least one post-exascale machine by 2027.*
- *Hybrid HPC-Quantum infrastructure by 2027*

Cyber Security

- *By 2020: At least one cybersecurity competence center per Member State*
- *By 2025: encryption techniques that can resist quantum computing*

Skills

The demand for information and communications technology specialists is growing fast; today Europe has +350 000 vacancies for ICT specialists

In the future, 9 out of 10 jobs will require digital skills

At the same time, 44% of Europeans between 16 and 74 years do not have basic digital skills

Potential Timeline post-2019



May 2019

Election of the
European Parliament



October 2019 ?

Appointment of the next
EU Commission



**Digital Policy
Strategy
Post-2019**

May 2020 ?

Adoption of the
Strategy

** Estimation based on past timing for the DSM Strategy



Managing the Digital Transformation of our Economy and Society

*"People and businesses in the EU have the inherent strengths needed to take advantage of the Digital Single Market. These include a **strong manufacturing base** and **fast-growing startup ecosystem**, which combined with newly digitised industrial processes and a skilled workforce, can drive growth for the foreseeable future. To fully unlock the data economy, the EU must also harness such assets to maximise the **digitisation of the European service sectors, in particular health and care, energy, transport and finance.**"*

DSM Mid-Term Review



Next steps?

1. The inherited work; commitments from the current DSM strategy

2. Digital trends and tech developments

Proactively follow up on important technology trends, e.g. AI, HPC, AR/VR to provide a political narrative focusing around:

- o everyone should profit from the digital revolution;
- o managing the digital transformation without losing our core values;
- o fostering a European digital investment climate, including pushing for European projects where no MS alone can achieve the necessary scale needed for success; and
- o ensuring strategic technological autonomy.

3. Dig deeper into the Socio/economic effects of technology

We need to better understand and prepare for the effects technology has on our society to ensure better alignment of digital policy with Europe's societal goals:

- o how technology affects citizens and consumers;
- o prepare for and equip our population to make the most of the digital transformation;
- o how technology influences our democracies; a need to make the Internet safer and more trustworthy (e.g. privacy, cyber security, illegal/hate speech content/disinformation);
- o help address our societal challenges such as climate change/energy/mobility;
- o how technology impacts the interaction between citizens; and
- o deploy assertive digital diplomacy (values/norms, standards, cyber security, market access).

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