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CONSOLIDATING THE DIGITALISATION OF THE ECONOMY

After a legislative term marked by the high volume of European regulatory production in the field of digitalisation, businesses face an uncertain future about implementation and compatibility in a **context of fierce competition to lead this transition**. Europe cannot afford to cede ground to its global competitors, underscoring the pivotal role of investment. To **achieve the goals of the Digital Decade** and **consolidate the EU's competitiveness on the global stage** beyond regulation, efforts must be centred on:

DIGITAL SINGLE MARKET AND REGULATION

- **Consolidating the digital Single Market** to enable European businesses to leverage its full potential, building on reliability, innovation, connectivity, and skills development.
- Focusing on **implementing and interpreting the new regulatory framework**, including delegated acts, in **a consistent and harmonised manner**, limiting regulatory intervention to situations of genuine market failure.
- Assessing the **impact** of any new legislative proposal **on the innovative ecosystem**, while making sure that, if possible, it sufficiently stimulates innovation.

MAKE THE MOST OF DIGITAL INVESTMENT

- **Considering the digital revolution as a catalyst for decarbonisation and a key instrument** to achieve sustainability and climate change mitigation goals. Digitalisation is also fundamental for innovative research and for

improving the efficiency of processes in all economic areas.

- **Optimising the impact of financial resources**, both public and private, allocated to the digital transition, while advocating for **free and fair competition** in the Single Market.

LEAD THE POTENTIAL OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES

- With regard to the data economy, **exploiting potential synergies** between different regulatory proposals to **ensure data interoperability and reuse**.
- **Advocating for the development** of data spaces, reliable telecom, cloud and edge infrastructures, and regulatory sandboxes, **to enable extensive testing and innovation**.
- **Promoting the EU as the preferred destination for investment and development of AI technology**, emphasising ethical and safe practices through AI regulation.
- Fostering awareness and **strengthening cybersecurity capabilities** across the public and private domains, implementing and developing the legislation adopted in the last legislative term.