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The Italian presidency arrives in the moment of a digital revolution which started a long time ago with the Lisbon strategy. The digital paradigm connected with the social lifestyle, infact, today faces an importance never experienced before cause everyone already known and recognize its incredible power as a driver for delivering growth and creating jobs.

The Italian Government intends to act as a facilitator among the other Member States in order to find the best, fast and downhill way to maximize any necessary effort to strengthen a common vision in the telecommunications sector.

The Italian Presidency will focus its work on the legislative proposals related to the “connected continent package” (TSM), to the directive related to the “high common level of network and information security across the Union” (NIS), and to the directive dealing with the “accessibility and usability of web”. Italy believes fundamental to make any possible effort to conclude each legislative iter to strengthen the digital single market. Italy will approach its presidency with constructive spirit to compose the Member State positions and at the same time safeguarding the stakeholders interests.

Italy welcomes the recent adoption of the regulation on the electronic identification and signature legislative (eIDAS) as an essential element to the completing of the digital single market. A further step forward could be represented by a Member State initiative for the realization of a single digital European identity of the European citizens reinforcing the concept of European citizenship, aiming at the development of pan European services and the digital interaction between citizens, industries and public administrations. Considering what previously mentioned, Italy hopes that what expressed by the conclusions of the European Council held last October 2013 shall be considered with the maximum attention.

Other political initiatives that we intend to raise during own presidency include: (1) a boost of the diffusion of ultra-broad band networks via the adoption of pan European common initiatives supporting the public and private demand (2) the role of Europe on internet governance issues; (3) open data, cloud and big data for Europe competitiveness and for public sector efficiency; (4) the highlight of the importance of the technologies for connectivity, included the space ones.
