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I would like to comment on some aspects of the transatlantic dimension of the digital single market. There are many challenges and opportunities there.

I believe the transatlantic digital economy could be a driving force for global solutions.

Of course there are huge differences between the US and Europe when it comes to the ICT contribution to growth and GDP . It is easy to predict that figures on contribution will grow on both sides of Atlantic but they must grow faster in the Union.

To benefit fully from ICT we need to combine it with investment and skills. Both cannot be taken for granted.

It is true that security of out flowing data is important. For many European companies, however, the concern is getting data into Europe.

The time has come to take the regulation of digital economy out of silos on both sides of the Atlantic and come together with joint solutions on standards for Internet of things , maybe also on privacy, on cyber crime and cyber security.

In the digital world there is no such thing as technological sovereignty or a perfectly ring fenced privacy.