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to the Commission**

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Subject: Digital single market

In his hearing before Parliament, Jean Claude Juncker promised to boost the European digital single market, by introducing new legislation on data protection, improving telecommunications regulations, modernising copyright legislation and modernising and simplifying consumer protection regulations for online purchases.

He said that the connected digital single market could create additional growth of EUR 250 billion over the next five years.

However, austerity has been detrimental to innovation policies, particularly in countries affected by bail-out programmes, which have made it difficult to get the investment needed to make progress with the digital single market.

What investments will the Commission promote in order to develop the infrastructure needed to expand the high-speed internet network and the new 4G networks? What will it do in regard to the single market for bulk data and cloud computing and the relevant security guarantees? And what about electronic identification, electronic billing and payment services?