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Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

AGENDA

1st Meeting (IX Parliamentary Term)
IMCO Working Group on the Digital Single Market
31 May 2021
From 13:45 to 15:45

"How can the Digital Single Market help us to advance in the ecological transition?"

The meeting will take place semi-remotely via the Interactio platform and in the meeting room ANTALL 6Q1. It will also be web-streamed live.

Interpretation will be provided for the following languages: FR, DE, EN, PL.

The digital revolution has brought several advantages and opportunities to move towards a much greener economy. How to adapt the Digital Single Market and help European businesses and consumers to achieve these new green and digital policy objectives would be a matter for discussion during this first IMCO WG meeting.

The first panel will focus on the introduction of a Common Charger for small and medium-sized electronic devices. Specifically, the discussion will assess the potential introduction of a common charger to reduce electronic waste while increasing consumer convenience and cost savings.

The second panel on Sustainability of Data will verse on how the ICTs sector, and in particular data centres, will contribute to the development of a more sustainable and circular European Union by leveraging technology and digitalization to achieve high-energy efficiency towards a climate neutrality.

1. Opening statements:

(15 mins)

- Ms Róża Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein MEP, Chair of the IMCO Working Group on the Digital Single Market.
- Ms Svenja Hahn, Co-Chair of the IMCO Working Group on the Digital Single Market.
- Ms Anna Cavazzini MEP, Chair of IMCO Committee.

2. Panel 1: A Common Charger for Electronic Devices	(<u>40 mins)</u>
• Mr Jesus Urios, Policy Analyst in the Low-Carbon Circular Economy programme, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)	<u>10 mins</u>
• Ms Barbara Bonvissuto, Head of Unit, Machinery & Equipment, European Commission (GROW.H.2)	<u>10 mins</u>
Discussion between Speakers and MEPs	<u>20 mins</u>
3. Panel 2: Sustainability of Data	(<u>40 mins)</u>
• Ms Emma Fryer, Representative of the Climate Neutral Data Centre Pact	<u>10 mins</u>
• Ms Els Bruggeman, Head of Policy and Enforcement, Euroconsumers	<u>10 mins</u>
• Discussion between Speakers and MEPs	<u>20 mins</u>
4. Any other business	
5. Concluding remarks	(<u>5 mins)</u>