



## INVITATION

### Informal meeting of Telecommunication Ministers

23 - 24 March 2026

Nicosia, 19 February 2026

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to invite you to the **Informal meeting of Telecommunication Ministers** which will take place in **Nicosia** on **23-24 March**.

Our gathering will start on 23 March with a guided tour at the CYENS Centre of Excellence and a tour at the town's historic center, followed by a gala dinner at A. G. Leventis Gallery. We are privileged to welcome **Sir Demis Hassabis** as the Distinguished Guest of the Dinner, who will deliver a keynote address followed by an engaging open discussion with the EU Ministers.

Representatives of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries, the European Parliament and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) will join us at the gala dinner.

We aim to make this informal meeting a platform for an open and forward-looking exchange of views, contributing to the reinforcement of Europe's leadership, resilience, and strategic autonomy in the digital domain.

Marking the commencement of the second day of our meeting, will begin with a discussion on **accelerating the widespread adoption of trustworthy AI** across the Union. During the second session, discussions will focus on **strengthening protection of minors online**, exploring key policies, safeguards, and measures to ensure their safety and well-being in the digital ecosystem. Following the family photo, the programme will resume with a working lunch focusing on the

**protection of Europe's critical infrastructures and the reinforcement of collective resilience** in the face of evolving challenges.

The sessions and working lunch will take place with the participation of European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries.

Please find attached the preliminary agenda of our meeting and the Practical Information Note, containing details on accreditation, accommodation and other logistics. The final agenda and discussion papers will be circulated in due time.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to Nicosia in March for a forward-looking exchange of views on these importance policy topics.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation & Digital Policy