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The Proposal for a Regulation on Portability Regulation is the first concrete proposal under the Digital Market Strategy in the area of copyright reform. It brings clear benefits to European citizens who will have access to their online content services when they travel in the European Union. It will seek to provide a legal solution on portability for the industry which otherwise would have to engage in lengthy and costly negotiations.

The Commission understands that the Dutch Presidency is committed to advance on this file and to reach a general approach at the Joint Telecom / Competitiveness Council on 26-27 May 2016. For this to be achieved, we need to keep up the momentum for the file.

The Commission would like to give a short presentation of the proposed Regulation on portability to the Competitiveness Council of 29 February 2016 as an AOB point in order to raise awareness on political level and to prepare the ground for further discussions on technical level.

On 10th February 2016, the Commission has made this request at Coreper, to which the Presidency agreed to, pending the submission of this explanatory note.
