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INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPANISH PRESIDENCY DIGITAL EUROPE STRATEGY



The European trade associations contributing to this joint statement are:

	<p>The Business Software Alliance (www.bsa.org) is the foremost organization dedicated to promoting a safe and legal digital world. BSA is the voice of the world's commercial software industry and its hardware partners before governments and in the international marketplace. Its members represent one of the fastest growing industries in the world. BSA programs foster technology innovation through education and policy initiatives that promote copyright protection, cyber security, trade and e-commerce.</p>
	
	<p>DIGITALEUROPE (http://www.digitaleurope.org) is the pre-eminent advocacy group of the European digital economy acting on behalf of the information technology, consumer electronics and telecommunications sectors. We are dedicated to improving the business environment, and to promoting industry's contribution to economic growth and social progress in the European Union. DIGITALEUROPE ensures industry participation in the development and implementation of EU policies. DIGITALEUROPE's members include more than 60 leading corporations and 40 national trade associations from all the Member States of EU; altogether 10,000 companies with 2 million employees and €1,000 billion in revenues.</p>
	<p>The European Competitive Telecommunications Association (ECTA) represents more than 100 of the leading challenger telecom operators providing broadband, mobile and advanced communications to consumers and businesses across Europe. We work for a fair regulatory environment which allows all electronic communications providers to compete on level terms in order to multiply investment and innovation throughout an effective European internal market. The association represents the telecommunications industry to key government and regulatory bodies and maintains a forum for networking and business development. www.ectaportal.com</p>
	<p>The European Digital Media Association (EDiMA) is an alliance of new media and Internet companies whose members include Amazon EU, Apple, eBay, Google, Microsoft, Music Choice, Nokia, RealNetworks, Yahoo! Europe, Orange and others. EDiMA's members provide new media and Internet platforms offering users a wide range of online services, including the provision of audiovisual content, media, E-commerce, communications and information/search services. EDiMA represents the interests of the new media sector in Europe in policymaking, standards development and industry cooperative activities.</p>

	<p>ESOA (www.esoa.net) represents the interests of 10 European satellite operators in 8 Member States of the Union with a total turnover in excess of 3 billion euros a year – growing steadily since 2002 when the organisation was formed. The combined employment of the members is close to 4000, but satellite operators are the main customers of European manufacturers and launchers who between them, employ a further 30,000 persons across Europe and generate 5,5 billion euros in turnover.</p>
	<p>ETNO (the European Telecommunications Network Operators' Association - www.etno.eu) is the voice of the European telecommunications network operators with over a decade of experience in shaping EU telecoms policy. The association represents 42 companies located in 36 European countries. They account for an aggregate annual turnover of more than 250 billion Euros and employ over one million people across Europe.</p>
	<p>EuroISPA is the world's largest association of Internet Services Providers (ISPs) representing the interests of more than 1700 ISPs across the EU and the EFTA countries. EuroISPA is a major voice of the Internet industry on information society subjects such as cybercrime, data protection, e-commerce regulation, EU telecommunications law and safe use of the Internet (www.euroispa.org).</p>
 <p>Europe</p>	<p>The GSMA in Europe represents 171 operators in 51 countries/areas in Europe and counts around 600 million subscribers. Globally, the GSM Association represents over 700 operators in over 200 countries and counts around 3.8 billion subscribers (www.gsmeurope.org).</p>

Spanish Contributors:

	<p>AETIC is the Spanish association of electronics, information technology and telecommunications companies and one of the most important and representative business organisations in Spain. It is composed of 300 individual companies and other associations. In all, AETIC represents more than 3,000 companies with more than 357,000 employees and over EUR 102 billion in revenues.</p>
	<p>The Association of Telecommunication Operators and Service Providers (ASTEL) is composed by the premiere alternative electronic communication service operators that began operating in Spain when the telecommunication monopoly ended. Established in 1996 with the primary objective to promote the liberalization of the Spanish telecommunications market; and since has been the leading spokesperson for the new alternative operators entering the market.</p>
	<p>ASIMELEC, the Spanish Association for the Electronics and ICT sectors, was founded in 1984 as an association of importers of electronic products. It has evolved to encompass the electronics and communications market, becoming the only association in the electronics sector comprising manufacturers, marketers, distributors and, in the case of the Telecommunications sector, installers. ASIMELEC represents over 3.000 companies that directly employ 300.000 people. Its revenues account for almost 4,5% of Spain's GDP. Its main goal is to promote and support the development of electronics and communications companies in Spain by defending the rights of its members as well as the sector's evolution.</p>
	<p>REDTEL is the Spanish Network Telecom Operators Association aimed to promote private investment in telecommunication networks. REDTEL member companies account for more 90% of total telecom network investment in the Spanish market. REDTEL channel telecom network operators statements to all relevant stakeholders for the best telecommunication infrastructure continue to sustain Information Society services.</p>