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From:	Presidency
To:	Council
Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a framework for the free flow of non-personal data in the European Union
	- Information from the Presidency

On 13 September 2017, the Commission adopted and transmitted to the Council and to the European Parliament the above-mentioned proposal for a regulation whose aim is to set a framework for the free flow of non-personal data. This proposal is key for completing the Digital Single Market and harnessing the growth potential of the European Data Economy. In October 2017, the European Council called for co-legislators to reach an agreement on this proposal by June 2018.

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- 2. The proposal and its impact assessment were presented in September and October 2018 to the Working Party on Telecommunications and the Information Society, which then carried out an intense examination of the proposal under the Estonian Presidency. On 4 December 2017, Ministers in the TTE Council held a debate on the proposal. On 20 December 2017, the Committee of Permanent Representatives agreed on a mandate¹ to start negotiations with the European Parliament.
- 3. In the European Parliament, the IMCO committee is expected to adopt its amendments on 4 June 2018, which should be confirmed, together with a mandate to start inter-institutional negotiations, by the Plenary vote on 11 June 2018.
- 4. The objective of the Bulgarian Presidency is to reach an agreement with the European Parliament by the end of June, in two trilogues. The opening trilogue is scheduled for 14 June 2018 and the Presidency will base its intervention on the mandate granted in December as set out in document 15724/2/17 REV 1 COR 1. The second trilogue is tentatively scheduled for 20 June and, for the purposes of this trilogue, the Presidency will ask the Committee of Permanent Representatives for a revised mandate. The Presidency is committed to work in close cooperation with all delegations towards reaching a final deal in line with the deadline set by the European Council.
- 5. The Council is invited to take note of the information on the state of play on this proposal, as set out in this note.

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