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- Information from the Presidency

On 18 July 2017, Ministers signed a 5G declaration “Making 5G a success for Europe”¹ confirming their willingness to position Europe as the global lead market for 5G.

On 19 October, the European Council noted that:

*To successfully build a Digital Europe, the EU needs in particular (...) a first rate infrastructure and communications network: this requires cooperation at the EU level, inter alia with the aim of achieving world-class very high-speed fixed and mobile networks (5G) all across the EU and increased coordinated availabilities of spectrum by 2020 under consistent regulatory and economic conditions;*²

Following this strong political signal, the Estonian Presidency organised on 3 November a high level group meeting in Tallinn with representatives from Member States to discuss the possible establishment of a 5G roadmap to ensure the timely and predictable availability of the required spectrum.

The Presidency will inform the Council of the outcome of the work on this 5G roadmap.

¹ https://www.eu2017.ee/sites/default/files/inline-files/Ministerial%20declaration%205G_final_0.pdf

² <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/21620/19-euco-final-conclusions-en.pdf>