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Dear colleague,

I would like to sincerely thank you for your letter of 24 July 2017 and for the report you sent. An open and innovative European economy is our priority and it means also ensuring fair competition.

You mentioned in your letter the Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the European Union (SECG). In this conference the Finance Committees will discuss four topics. Firstly, the future of the Economic and Monetary Union. More specifically, how to incorporate the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance into the European Union's legal framework. Secondly, there will be a discussion about national reforms, financial assistance and investment programmes and their objectives, performance, outcome and perspectives. The third subject is European Union in change and what challenges it brings for EU budget. The last session is about collecting taxes efficiently. I'm sure that there will be fruitful debate which will hopefully take the discussions to the next level.

Furthermore, the first session in upcoming COSAC conference will address the future of the European Union. Under discussion are different aspects of the EU's responsibilities and the thoughts on European Commission's reflections papers, one of them being the further development of EMU. As you emphasised in your letter the importance of fiscal convergence, we invite you to add your valuable inputs on the matter. This could further the discussion and contribute to the future of the European Union.

Thank you for your kind offer to contribute to our event – I greatly appreciate it. The Digital Single Market session in COSAC plenary is focused on current developments of e-services. We have chosen to focus on e-services because it is paramount that Europe exploits the benefits of the technological progress.

In coming weeks we will specify the final programme and we will consider your suggestion for a discussion topic for the Digital Single Market session.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Tallinn.

Yours sincerely,



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