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On behalf of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, we would like to express our gratitude for your invitation and opportunity to present the civil society perspective on the main challenges and opportunities of the Digital Single Market.

With collective effort and good collaboration, the Civil Society Forum is ready and has the necessary expertise for deeper cooperation with the Panel on Harmonisation of Digital Markets.

We welcome the launch of the EU4Digital initiative, which we hope will boost joint initiatives of the Forum and EaP governments for further strengthening digital economy, fighting digital illiteracy, and opening societies in ways [in which] only modern technology can make [it] possible.

The Civil Society Forum expects that the EU4Digital initiative will lead not only to increased the transparency of HDM Panel activities, and EU4Digital networks' outcomes, but also jumpstart the process of reduction of roaming tariffs within the EaP region and beginning of constructive dialogue on the issue between EaP countries and EU Member States by 2020.