The last three decades have seen rapid innovation in information technology. Mobile phones, the internet and high-speed digital delivery systems have revolutionised much of the world around us. Under the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (Articles 179-180), the EU aims to promote the development and dissemination of these new technologies, introducing a battery of rules to ensure customers and businesses have fair and affordable access to networks and services, and to remove barriers to competition.

As one of the flagship initiatives of Europe 2020, the EU’s strategy to deliver smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, the Digital Agenda for Europe seeks to optimise the benefits of digital technologies.

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