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Dear Professor Peitz,

I wish to thank you for your open letter on *“How EU competition policy should respond to new global players and digitisation”*. As you rightly point out, an environment for firms to compete on their merits, to the benefit of European consumers, means that prosperous firms in Europe will have the chance to be successful abroad.

The Commission is acutely aware of the need to ensure that EU competition tools are fit for the digital age and for a global economy. We regularly re-examines the rules and processes, reforming or adapting them where appropriate to ensure that they continue to fulfil their role.

Moreover, as anticipated in the Communication *“EU-China – A strategic outlook”* of 12th March 2019, the Commission will adopt a White Paper by mid-2020, in which it will present possible ways to address distortive effects caused by foreign subsidies in the single market and tackle foreign access to EU public procurement and EU funding.

The Commission welcomes the participation of stakeholders to the debate and encourages you to send your written contributions to the concrete policy-making initiatives that are ongoing.

Yours sincerely,



Margrethe Vestager