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'I consider [Working Group Report: Digital Entrepreneurship] to be a substantial contribution to the work of the United Nations Broadband Commission. I encourage you to read our report in detail.'

Andrus Ansip, vice-president of the European Commission, launches Working Group Report: Digital Entrepreneurship, a European Commission-Lisbon Council collaboration, at the United Nations General Assembly

DSM 2.0: A New Agenda for Europe

As European elections approach and a new European Commission starts to take shape, the Lisbon Council launches **DSM 2.0: Digital Futures Forum**, a multi-stakeholder, interdisciplinary initiative to define a new digital agenda for Europe – and make a renewed push on Europe's flagship internal-market programme. President Paul Hofheinz and Deputy Director and Senior Fellow Luukas K. Ilves published [Digital Europe: Next Steps – A European Agenda for the Digital-9+](#), a bold discussion paper setting out an eight-point action plan for the incoming European institutions. The discussion paper was formally launched at the **Digital-9+ Ministerial (Informal) Meeting**, chaired by the Government of Estonia. Later, President Hofheinz presented *Digital Europe: Next Steps* at the **High-Level Working Group of the Competitiveness Council** and to several Council of the European Union delegations. Separately, Robert D. Atkinson, president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF); Fabrizia Benini, head of the digital economy and skills unit at the European Commission, and Dirk Pilat, deputy director for science, technology and innovation at the OECD, led an all-star cast of digital experts at the **High-Level Roundtable on ICT, Productivity and European Prosperity**, where Mr Atkinson launched [How ICT Can Restore Lagging European Productivity Growth](#), a new policy brief, which looks at Europe's flagging productivity growth and proposes an ICT-led solution. For more on the DSM 2.0 initiative, which will run throughout 2019, [Visit the DSM 2.0 Digital Futures Forum Page](#) on [The Lisbon Council Website](#).



Robert D. Atkinson



Fabrizia Benini



Dirk Pilat

DSM 2.0

A LISBON COUNCIL INITIATIVE



'Government size has inflated both on the spending and the tax side. But the perceived efficacy of government has dropped. Redistribution has gone down. Productivity has not gone up. Government gets bigger. But it does not deliver.'

Laurence Boone, chief economist of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Digital Entrepreneurship: High-Level Report at United Nations General Assembly

Under the leadership of Andrus Ansip, vice-president of the European Commission, and at the initiative of the European Commission, the Lisbon Council served as secretariat of the [Working Group on Digital Entrepreneurship](#), a United Nations task force set up within the [Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development](#), led by the [International Telecommunication Union](#), a UN agency, and UNESCO. After six



months of drafting and debating, 31 high-level stakeholders – including UN Broadband Commission Co-Chairs Paul Kagame (president of Rwanda) and Carlos Slim Helú (chair of the Carlos Slim Foundation) – produced [Working Group Report: Digital Entrepreneurship](#), a nine-point roadmap, which was launched in New York at the **United Nations General Assembly**. [View Photo Highlights of the Working Group: Digital Entrepreneurship Launch](#).



The 2018 Euro Summit

Top economists, leading regulators, think tankers and European media leaders joined the Lisbon Council for **The 2018 Euro Summit: Why Quality Public Finance is Key to Prosperity – and How Governments Can Deliver It**. Laurence Boone, chief economist of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, launched [Public Finance Structure and Inclusive Growth](#), a fascinating new policy brief which shows how growth-friendly tax reform can promote effective government and inclusive growth. In the midst of the Italian budget crisis, Marco Buti, director-general for economic and financial affairs at the European Commission, delivered **The 2018 Ludwig Erhard Lecture**, a stunning *tour d'horizon* on the role of sound public finance



Laurence Boone



Marco Buti



Niels Thygesen

in sustaining Europe's social model and driving forward a progressive, inclusive agenda. Niels Christoffer Thygesen, chair of the European Fiscal Board and professor at University of Copenhagen, weighed in with a long-term perspective. [Watch Interview with OECD Chief Economist Laurence Boone on Public Finance Structure and Inclusive Growth](#). [View Slides and Key Evidence from The 2018 Ludwig Erhard Lecture](#). [View Photo Highlights of The 2018 Euro Summit](#).

Artificial Intelligence: The Road Ahead



Jen Gennai

"Artificial Intelligence is the future, not only for Russia, but for all mankind," Vladimir Putin once observed. "Whoever becomes the leader in this sphere will become the ruler of the world." With that thought in mind, the Lisbon Council doubled down on its cutting-edge research and high-level public advocacy in favour of AI frameworks that work – and European policies that protect and enable. Deputy Director and Senior Fellow Luukas K. Ilves produced [Responsible, Safe and Secure Artificial Intelligence](#), an empirical look at the coming challenge, and led a high-level breakout session at the **Tallinn Digital Summit 2018**, where the policy brief was launched. Later, top European officials convened for the **High-Level Working Breakfast on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence**. Special guest Jen Gennai,

head of ethical machine learning at Google, presented a fascinating overview of the cross-platform AI Principles launched in June by Google CEO Sundar Pichai. President Paul Hofheinz continued his service on the **European AI Alliance**, and spoke at the high-level launch of *Artificial Intelligence: A European Perspective*, a major new European Commission Joint Research Centre report.



‘Science should be open to everyone, not just a small group of elites as it was in the past. So the future will be about finding better ways to communicate science and innovation.’

Carlos Moedas, European commissioner for research, science and innovation

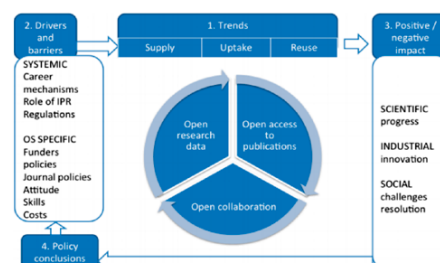
Open Science Monitor: Moving into Higher Gear



Javier Serrano

The **Open Science Monitor** – a three-member scientific consortium led by the Lisbon Council – deepened its work gathering data and analysing the effectiveness of open-science methods and practice. Most notably, the consortium convened [Inside CERN: How Europe’s Leading Research Facility Uses Open Science and What Open Science Can Do for Europe and the World](#), a high-level webinar where European

Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) Engineer Javier Serrano discussed the way CERN uses – and contributes to – open science in Europe, particularly in the field of open-source hardware development. The Open Science Monitor consortium – led by the Lisbon Council, the Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) at Leiden University and ESADE Business School in collaboration with the European Commission – will release an updated, radically expanded Open Science Monitor in 2019 based on new data and a revised methodology. [Read the New Methodology](#). [Join a LinkedIn Discussion Group on the Open Science Monitor](#).



Co-Creation and Electronic Identification: Building New Communities

The Lisbon Council always seeks to bring deeper, broader expertise to our discussions from European Union member states – and the world. Towards that end, we convened more than 12 well-attended webinars in 2018 on topics as wide-ranging as design thinking and electronic identification. Most notably, Senior Research Associate Jon Switters led a [series of evidence-based presentations on electronic identification authentication and trust services \(eIDAS\)](#), a flagship European Union programme to make electronic-identity schemes work across borders. Elsewhere, researchers involved in **Understanding Value Co-Creation in Public Services for Transforming European Public Administrations (Co-VAL)** project, an 11-member consortium with nine leading universities, convened [Government Transformation: How ‘Co-Creation’ Will Shape the Future of Value Creation in the Public Sector](#) to share emerging evidence and future plans.

COVAL eIDAS



The Creative Economy in the Digital Age



Lyor Cohen



Giuseppe Abbamonte

At the **High-Level Working Lunch on the Future of Music: How Online Streaming Will Be a Win-Win-Win for Artists, Consumers and Society at Large**, music legend Lyor Cohen, former head of Warner Music Group now serving as global head of music at YouTube, led a high-level discussion on the potential of streaming music to lead to new and better services for customers. Giuseppe Abbamonte, director for media policy at the European Commission's directorate-general for communications networks, content and technology, gave an overview of

the European Commission's work in the field. The Lisbon Council also launched **A Symphony, Not a Solo: How Collective Management Organisations Can Embrace Innovation and Drive Data Sharing in the Music Industry**, a year-long collaboration with Teosto, the Finnish collecting society, and ESADE Business School.



‘Over the longer term, the “quality of public finance” is the crucial economic battleground. It is the place where Europe’s future will be determined by the decisions that it makes now on how to spend the money it has better – on innovation, education, social inclusion, infrastructure and other key areas.’

Alessandro Leipold, chief economist of the Lisbon Council

News and Outreach

Alessandro Leipold returned to the Lisbon Council as chief economist, a role he occupied from 2010 to 2017. Prior to joining the Lisbon Council, Mr Leipold served as deputy director of the European Department at the International Monetary Fund (1982-2008) and more recently as IMF executive director for Italy, Greece, Portugal, Malta, Albania and San Marino. President and Co-Founder Paul Hofheinz spoke out frequently on Brexit, including prime-time interviews on BBC and Euronews. Deputy Director Luukas K. Ilves keynoted the *Austrian Presidency e-Government High-Level Conference* in Vienna, the [MyData 2018](#) in Helsinki and the *Karlsruhe Forum on Culture, Law and Technology*. Director of Research David Osimo spoke at *Belgium/European Commission Open Science 2018 Conference* and the *Digital Italy Summit* in Rome.



Alessandro Leipold



Paul Hofheinz

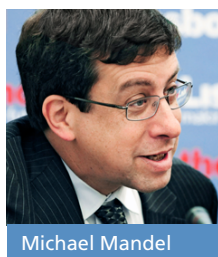
Forthcoming

European Centre for Government Transformation : Ten Years of Leadership

The **European Centre for Government Transformation** – a collaboration between the Lisbon Council, the College of Europe and Accenture – celebrates 10 years of cutting-edge research, high-level debate and unique thought leadership on public-sector transformation. A special anniversary work programme includes College of Europe case studies and high-level roundtables. Gertrud Ingestad, director-general of informatics at the European Commission, chairs the **Government Executive Innovation Circle** that will award **The 2019 Public Sector Innovation Award**.



Gertrud Ingestad



Michael Mandel

The 2019 Transatlantic Summit on Competition in the Digital Age

The Lisbon Council teams up with **Progressive Policy Institute**, a Washington, DC-based think tank, for **The 2019 Transatlantic Summit on Competition in the Digital Age**, a high-level conference on the renewed challenge of transatlantic collaboration in the competition field. The Summit will feed directly into the European Commission’s *Shaping Competition Policy in the Era of Digitisation* conference, chaired by European Commissioner Margrethe Vestager.

Future of Work Laboratory

The **Future of Work Laboratory** convenes a series of high-level roundtables on topics as diverse as “new forms of work” and “social challenges in the 21st century.” Stakeholders will co-create a **Future of Work Dashboard**, which will rank countries according to 15 indicators the scope and scale of change and the effectiveness of government-policy response.



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