Commissioners Hahn and Gabriel participate in the Eastern Partnership Informal Dialogue in Belarus

Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn and Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society Mariya Gabriel are in Belarus to participate in the 10th Eastern Partnership Informal Partnership Dialogue held in the country's capital on 21-22 June.

Cooperation within the "20 Deliverables for 2020" following the Eastern Partnership Summit in November last year as well as how to step up cooperation in the area of digital economy are to be discussed with the Minsters of Foreign Affairs and Ministers in charge of the digital agenda from the six Eastern Partner countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.

On 21 June, the Commissioners are to meet with Minister of Communications and Informatisation of the Republic of Belarus, Sergey Popkov. They will discuss ways to cooperate in the digital area and, in particular, in the area of cybersecurity resilience, and thereafter will participate in a plenary session on promoting broadband connectivity and tackling roaming tariffs in the region.

On 22 June, Commissioner Hahn together with Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, Vladimir Makei, will take part in a plenary session on the state-of-play of the Eastern Partnership and the External Investment Plan. During his visit Commissioner Hahn will also have bilateral meetings with Belarusian President Aleksander Lukashenko, Ministers Makei and Popkov. He is also to meet with civil society representatives from the economy and digital economy sectors.

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