

The Union of Entrepreneurs and Employers together with European Enterprise Alliance and SME Connect kindly invites to join a webinar on 15 December 2020:

A quest for technological sovereignty or new protectionism?

Special focus on Digital Services Act

On 1 and 2 October 2020, a Special European Council summit was held to discuss matters of greatest importance: COVID-19, the single market, industrial policy and digital transition. Remarkably, the European Council noted in its' conclusions that '[a]chieving strategic autonomy while preserving an open economy is a key objective of the Union.' The Conclusions show that notions of strategic autonomy and technological sovereignty are currently understood as the ability to regulate and introduce restrictions on certain market actors. This includes a new proposal of Digital Services Act that strives to regulate provision of services and level the allegedly unfair playing field with the EU companies. We would like to discuss the potential effect of these ideas on the Polish market and consumers.

Agenda

09:45 – 09:50	Welcome and Introduction Marcin Nowacki, VP of Union of Entrepreneurs and Employers & Fredrik Erixon European Centre for International Political Economy
09:50 – 10.15	Keynote Speech Olga Semeniuk, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Economic Development, Labor and Technology
10:15 – 10:45	Overview and findings of the Technological Sovereignty Report Matthias Bauer, European Centre for International Political Economy
10:45 – 11:00	Q&A
11:00 – 11:45	Panel Discussion Horst Heitz, Chair of the Steering Committee SME Connect Tomasz Snażyk, Founder of Startup Poland Michał Kanownik, President of Association of Importers and Producers of Electrical and Electronic Equipment – ZIPSEE “Digital Poland” Moderator: Jakub Binkowski, Union of Entrepreneurs and Employers