Statement by Vice-President for the Digital Single Market Andrus Ansip on the European Parliament's vote on the portability of online content

"I welcome today's positive vote of the European Parliament on the portability of online content across borders, following the agreement reached between the European Parliament, Council and Commission at the beginning of the year. I warmly thank the European Parliament rapporteur Jean-Marie Cavada for his work in achieving this and look forward to final approval by Member States in the coming weeks.

The rules voted today mean that, as of the beginning of next year, people who have subscribed to their favourite series, music and sports events at home will be able to enjoy them when they travel in the European Union. Combined with the end of roaming charges, it means that watching films or listening to music while on holiday abroad will not bring any additional costs to people who use mobile networks.

This is an important step in breaking down barriers in the Digital Single Market.

We now need agreements on our other proposals to modernise EU copyright rules and ensure wider access to creative content across borders and fairer rules for creators. I rely on the European Parliament and Member States to make swift progress to make this happen."

For more information:

<u>Announcement</u> on the agreement that enables consumers to keep access to online content services from home when they travel in the EU

Q&A Portability of online content services

Press release on proposals to modernise EU copyright rules

Press release on <u>mid-term review of the Digital Single Market strategy</u>