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<u>By Electronic Mail</u>

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Re: <u>Unaddressed Issues in "Transforming the Future of Ageing" Scoping Paper</u>

Dear Herr Klumpers:

We write today on behalf of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)[1] and its Europe Technology Policy Committee with thanks for your past engagement with our members and programs, and an offer to support the Scientific Advice Mechanism in the vital work outlined in its 27 April 2018 Scoping Paper on "Transforming the Future of Ageing" ([Scoping Paper](#)).

We concur fully with the threshold observation in the Scoping Paper's discussion of challenges and opportunities regarding "healthy ageing" that, "A coherent and focused inclusive, fair and sustainable public health response that spans multiple sectors and stakeholders is important." To that end, we respectfully note that the Scoping Paper does not address several disciplines and associated policy considerations that may be essential to meeting the Commission's objectives.

Specifically, the Scoping Paper does not reference the potential centrality to healthy ageing in safety and dignity of either "Privacy by Design" or "Security by Design."[2] Also, the importance of educating an ageing population in technologies that can enrich life and mitigate isolation, we believe, could and should be included in the SAM's work in this sphere. ACM and its Europe Technology Policy Committee would be pleased to work with you and the Group of Chief Scientific Advisors to address these potentially important components of promoting healthy ageing.

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[1] ACM is the world's largest and longest-established association of computing professionals, representing approximately __ individuals in Europe and 100,000 worldwide. ACM is a non-profit, non-lobbying and non-political organization whose Europe Technology Policy Committee is charged with providing policy and law makers with timely, substantive and apolitical input on computing technology and the legal and social issues to which it gives rise.

[2] By contrast, the Commission's European Innovation Partnership initiative on [Active and Healthy Ageing](#) recognizes the importance of Security by Design in an official [Guidance Document](#), and Security by Design is a stated objective of the Commission's Digital Single Market efforts to [foster cybersecurity](#).

Thank you for your consideration. At your earliest convenience, please let us know whether such assistance would be helpful to your work. We look forward to mutually determining how we and our many expert professionals may constructively contribute to a bright European future of ageing.

Sincerely,

Chris Hankin, Chair   Oliver Grau, Chair
ACM Europe Council   ACM Europe Technology Policy Committee