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Our successors will remember us as the Digital Society because information and communication technologies are dramatically transforming our life at a pace that has no precedent in history of mankind. The Digital Society is likely to see its apogee in about 10 years from now, the time horizon of the Digital Agenda for Europe [2] flagship initiative and the Europe 2020 [3] growth strategy.

But what will happen beyond 2020, in 20-30 years from now? What technological innovations will shape the life of our children and grand-children? Can ICT continuously rejuvenate itself to remain a major transformative socio-economic driver? What grand societal challenges can we expect in 20-30 years?

Answering these questions is not easy. But today, in times of epochal systemic crises, we have a duty to reflect about our future, look at new and promising scientific and technological advances, and stimulate positive thinking without neglecting risks and threads.

Digital Futures is a collective and participative visioning project aiming to devise future scenarios and policy options, on a time horizon 2040-50, underpinned by the long term advances of ICT and other key enabling technologies.

The project's most distinctive feature is the grassroots involvement of stakeholders in sketching future scenarios, anticipating issues and challenges, and proposing policy options. Digital Futures aims to harness the enormous intellectual and creativity potential available on the web by making everyone an active player in the project.

Therefore your views on the future are essential!

We are going to launch the Digital Futures website soon and we will announce it on this blog [4]. In the meantime, you can keep in touch with us by following @DigitalAgendaEU [5] on twitter and typing #digifutures [6] to engage on the topic!

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