Onderwerp: Citizen Capital as an instrument for intergenerational fairness
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Dear Commissioner Micallef,

I am writing to submit for your consideration a policy concept concerning intergenerational fairness, technological change and the ownership of productive capital.

Europe's debate on fairness between generations understandably focuses on the obligations we pass on to younger citizens: public debt, demographic pressures, climate costs and the sustainability of social protection.

I would like to suggest a complementary question:

Alongside the liabilities we leave to future generations, could we deliberately build productive assets for them?

The attached paper outlines the concept of European Citizen Capital: independently managed, long-term capital formation intended to broaden citizens' participation in the economic returns generated by productivity, automation and artificial intelligence.

It is not proposed as a replacement for wages, pensions or social protection, nor as a universal basic income.
Its purpose would be to investigate whether future generations could gradually become broader co-owners of productive capital.

The proposal is deliberately presented as a subject for independent economic and legal examination, rather than as a finished institutional model.

In view of the Commission's work on intergenerational fairness, I would be grateful if this concept could be considered as a possible research question within that framework.

The central question is simple:

We rightly ask what burdens we leave to future generations.
Should we not also ask what productive assets we leave them?

Thank you for considering this contribution.

Yours sincerely,

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PS As a case-study, I have the Belgian situation *ready to be send at your request*.

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