Assess record for 'Code for Effective Open Voluntarism: Good design principles for self- and co-regulation and other multistakeholder actions'

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In general, I think that voluntary codes are extremely dangerous, since they allow all kinds of extrajudicial systems to be put in place. I prefer people and companies to follow national and EU law, not make up their own. For this reason, I do not believe "voluntarism" should be encouraged in any way. That said, if a code is to be brought in for this area, I believe it is important for it to address possible problems. I therefore endorse all the comments made by EDRI in its submission (available here - http://edri.org/files/EC_code_final.pdf), and would ask that these be adopted.

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3. Please share your knowledge, ideas and opinions about how best to ensure that voluntarism receives its appropriate share of attention in the policy-making toolbox. How best can we address the grey area of self-regulation that are not quite as purely autonomous as the wording in the 2003 Inter-institutional Agreement on better lawmaking implies, and yet has none of the characteristics required in that Agreement for a system to qualify as co-regulation, and how best to give a new momentum to self- and co-regulation and open voluntarism to ensure that they are duly considered and practiced when they appear to be the most efficient route to the societal benefits in point. This does NOT mean voluntarism should substitute for lawmaking and regulation in any systematic manner, rather making the best possible use of voluntarism is critical to a highly effective policy approach. Please use the text box below or upload any additional relevant material.

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As mentioned above, I don't think voluntarism should be encouraged since it undermines the rule of law.