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DIGITAL SERVICES ACT

Protection of minors

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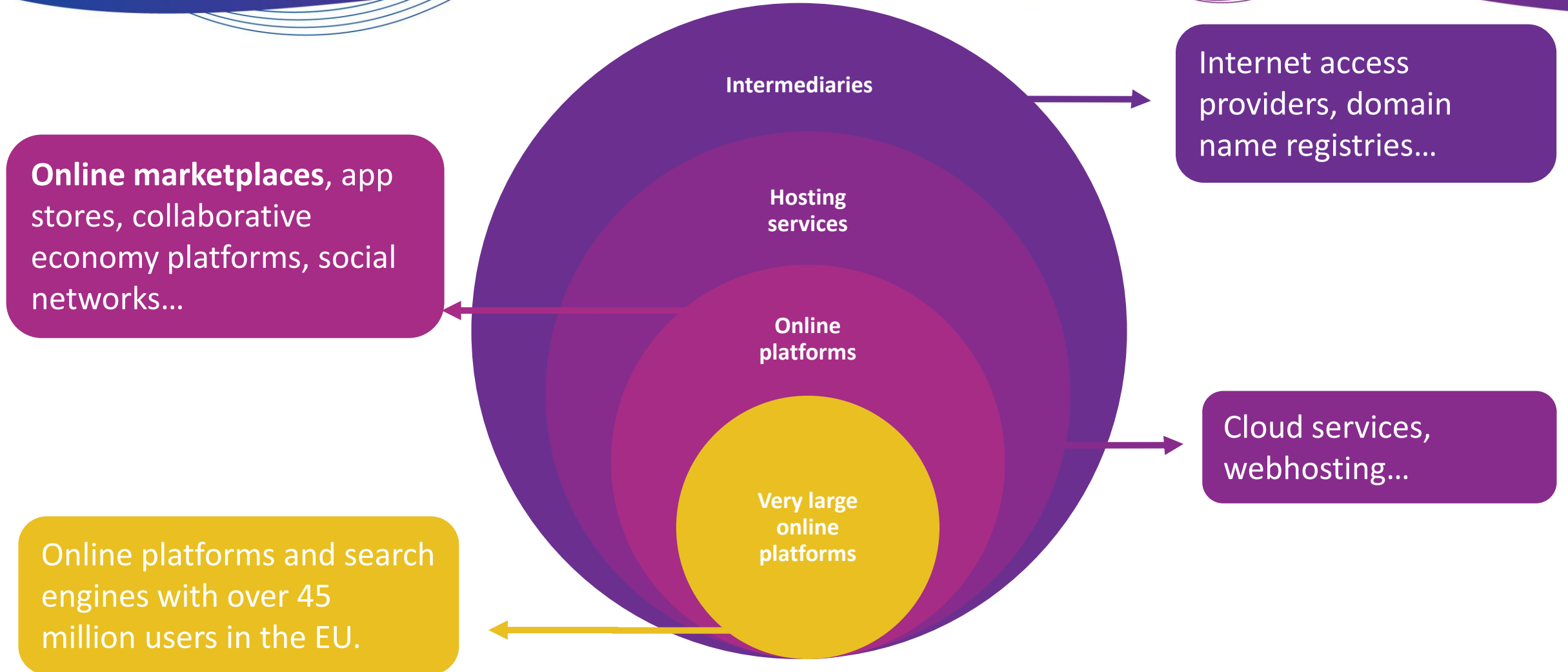
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The Digital Service Act (DSA)

- Horizontal legislation applicable to **services offered in the European Union**
- Entered into force on 16 November 2022
- Rule-book framing the responsibilities of online platforms

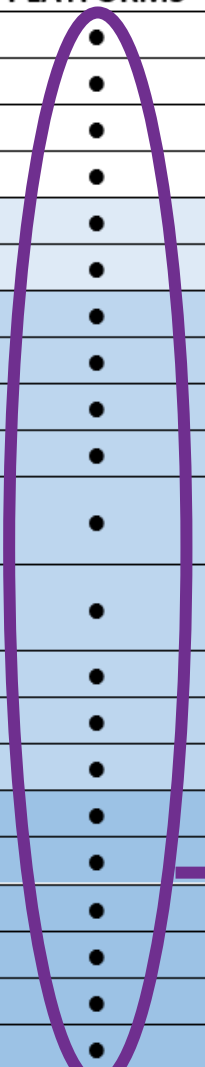


More obligations for very large platforms



Asymmetric obligations

	VERY LARGE PLATFORMS	ONLINE PLATFORMS	HOSTING SERVICES	ALL INTERMEDIARIES
Transparency reporting	•	•	•	•
T&Cs	•	•	•	•
Cooperation with national authorities	•	•	•	•
Points of contact & legal representatives	•	•	•	•
N&A	•	•	•	
Reporting criminal offences	•	•	•	
Complaint & redress mechanisms, OOC dispute settlement	•	•		
Trusted flaggers	•	•		
Prohibition of Dark Patterns	•	•		
Measures against abusive notices	•	•		
Special obligations for marketplaces (e.g. KYBC, random checks)	•	•		
Bans on targeted ads to children and based on special categories of personal data	•	•		
Accessibility	•	•		
Transparency of recommender systems	•	•		
Advertising transparency	•	•		
Risk management	•			
Independent audits	•			
User can opt out of profiling	•			
Data sharing with authorities & researchers	•			
Codes of conduct	•			
Crisis response cooperation	•			



→ Cumulative obligations

DSA implementation



16 November 2022 – Entry into force

16 February 2023 – Publication of number of active users by platforms

17 April – European Centre for Algorithmic Transparency (ECAT)

25 April – First batch of designations of VLOPs and VLOSEs

August - Entry into application of obligations for VLOPs and VLOSEs

16 February 2024 – Full applicability of the DSA, including Digital Services

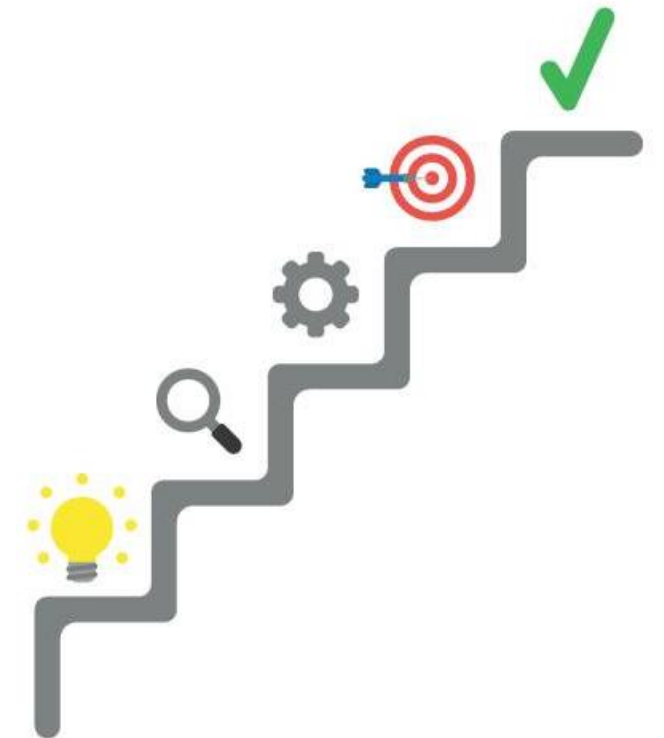
Coordinators, European Board for Digital Services

19 designated VLOPs and VLOSEs



Next steps in DSA implementation

- **Implementing and Delegated Acts, incl.:**
 - Audits
 - Transparency
 - Data access for researchers
- Work closely with Member States to support the designation of **Digital Services Coordinators**

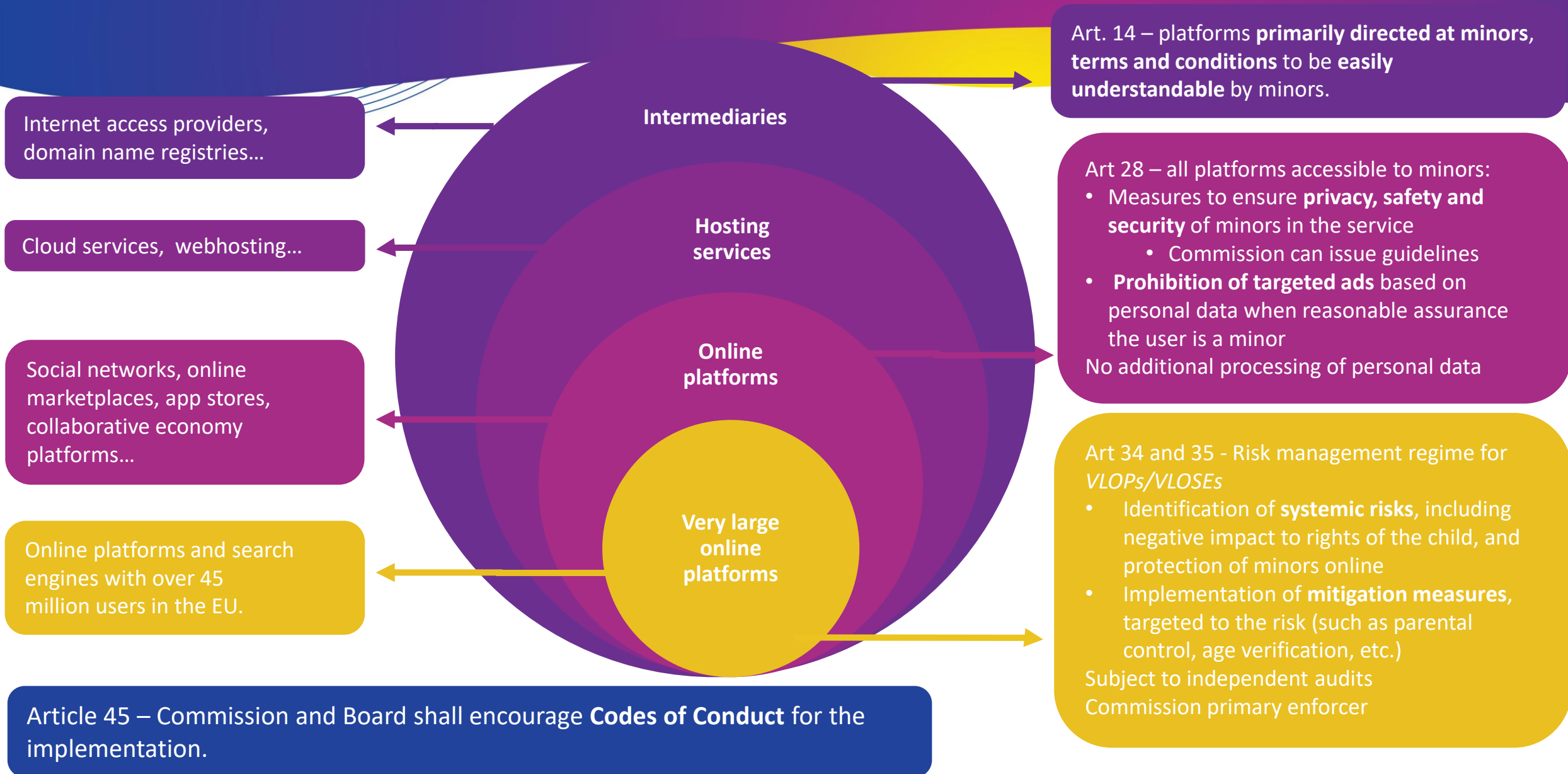


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- Rules to protect minors targeted for according to type of platform:
 - All intermediaries (Article 14)
 - Online platforms (Article 28)
 - Very large online platforms and search engines (VLOPs/VLOSEs) (Articles 34 and 35)



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Voluntary measures

- Codes of conduct (Art 45)
- Aims to
 - tackle illegal content and systemic risks
 - Support and stimulate cooperation across platforms
 - Set the state of the art in addressing specific risks
- Commission and Board encourage and facilitate codes.
- Participatory approach with civil society, all sized platforms, experts.



Thank You