



Protection of minors

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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

Ensure online safety

Reduce spread of illegal and harmful content

Promote more open and transparent internet

Safeguard freedom of speech

Improve the protection of minors

Clear rules on liability

Strong due diligence obligations

More obligations for the largest platforms

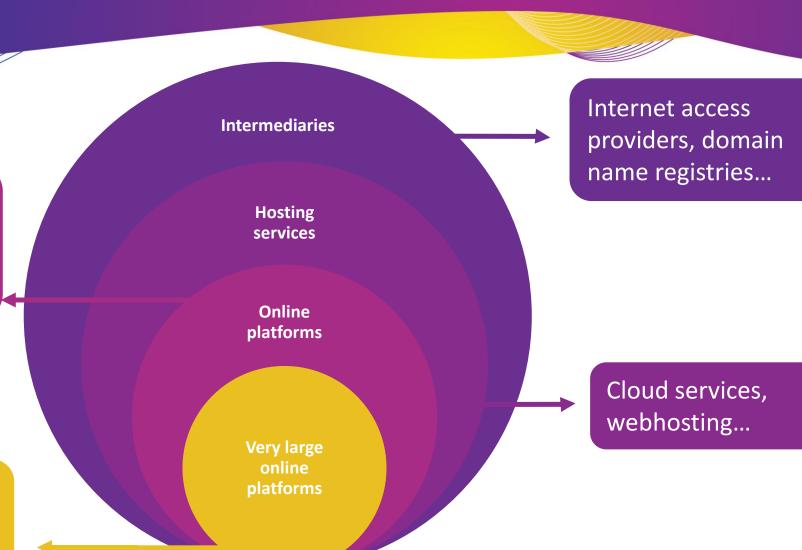
Digital Services
Coordinators

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More obligations for very large platforms

Online marketplaces, app stores, collaborative economy platforms, social networks...

Online platforms and search engines with over 45 million users in the EU.



Asymmetric obligations

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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				Cumulative obligatio
User can opt out of profiling	•			camarative obligatio
Data sharing with authorities & researchers	•			
Codes of conduct	•			
Crisis response cooperation	•			

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)

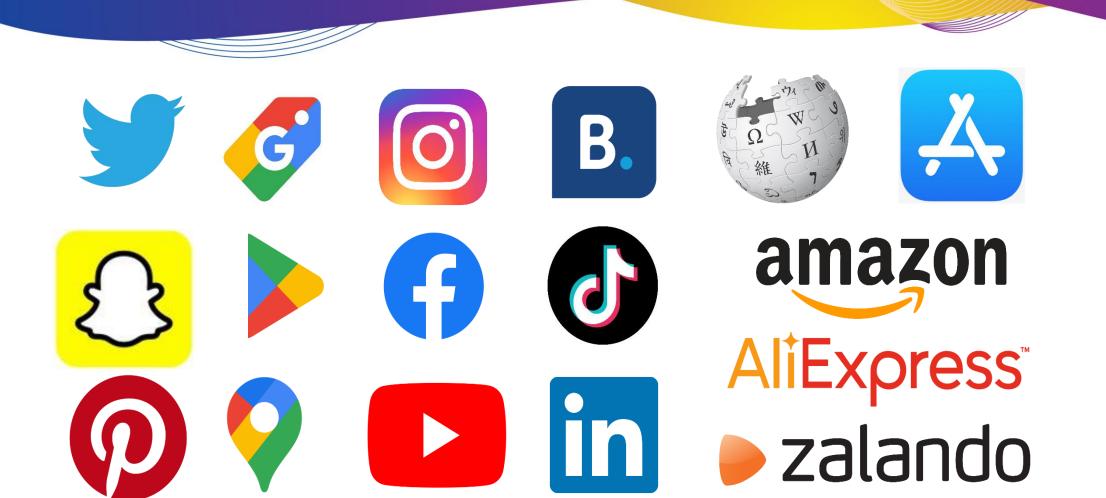
25 April – First batch of designations of VLOPs and VLOSEs

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**



Protection of minors

- 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)



Protection of minors

Internet access providers, domain name registries...

Cloud services, webhosting...

Social networks, online marketplaces, app stores, collaborative economy platforms...

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Intermediaries

Hosting services

Online platforms

Very large online platforms

Article 45 – Commission and Board shall encourage **Codes of Conduct** for the implementation.

Art. 14 – platforms **primarily directed at minors**, **terms and conditions** to be **easily understandable** by minors.

Art 28 – all platforms accessible to minors:

- Measures to ensure privacy, safety and security of minors in the service
 - Commission can issue guidelines
- Prohibition of targeted ads based on personal data when reasonable assurance the user is a minor

No additional processing of personal data

Art 34 and 35 - Risk management regime for *VLOPs/VLOSEs*

- Identification of systemic risks, including negative impact to rights of the child, and protection of minors online
- Implementation of mitigation measures, targeted to the risk (such as parental control, age verification, etc.)

Subject to independent audits Commission primary enforcer

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