The cooperation framework under the Digital Services Act

To ensure an efficient enforcement of the DSA, the Commission is building an enforcement network of relevant European entities, national authorities and leading experts in the field covered by the Digital Services Act (DSA).

This cooperation framework will support the Commission and Digital Services Coordinators (DSCs) in the supervision, enforcement and monitoring of the Regulation together with the Commission.

Administrative Arrangements

The Commission is signing administrative arrangements with national regulators to support the enforcement of the DSA. They will allow for closer cooperation on common issues, as well as allow for the sharing of information and expertise. The Commission has so far signed administrative agreements with:

- The Australian eSafety Commissioner (https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-services-sign-administrative-arrangement-australian-esafe ty-commissioner-support) (the independent regulator for online safety in Australia).
- <u>ERGA</u>
 (https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-services-and-erga-partner-support-digital-services-act-enf orcement)
 (The European regulators group for audio visual media services)
- OfCom (https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-services-sign-administrative-arrangement-ofcom-support-enforcement-social-media) (The media regulator of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Ahead of the 17 February 2024 deadline for Member States to appoint Digital Services Coordinators (DSCs), which are national authorities responsible for the Digital Services Act and members of the Board of DSCs, the Commission signed administrative agreements with several authorities to reinforce the response to the spread of illegal content:

- <u>France</u> (https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-services-sign-administrative-arrangements-french-and-iris
 - h-media-regulators-support) (Autorité de regulation de la communication audiovisuelle et numérique, Arcom)
- <u>Ireland</u>
 (https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-services-sign-administrative-arrangements-french-and-iris h-media-regulators-support) (Coimisiún na Meán)
- <u>Italy</u> (https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-services-sign-administrative-arrangement-italian-media-re gulator-support-enforcement) (Autorità per le Garanzie nelle Comunicazioni, AGCOM)
- <u>Netherlands</u>
 (https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-services-partner-dutch-consumer-authority-support-digital-services-act-enforcement)
 (Autoriteit Consument & Markt, ACM)

European Centre for Algorithmic Transparency

The Commission launched the <u>European Centre for Algorithmic Transparency</u> (https://algorithmic-transparency.ec.europa.eu/index_en) (ECAT) in April 2023, a first-of-its-kind scientific centre in Seville. ECAT will support the Commission and national authorities in monitoring compliance with the DSA.

Among other things, ECAT:

- conducts technical tests on algorithmic systems to understand their functioning;
- analyses transparency reports, risk assessments and independent audits;
- supports investigations and inspections;
- identifies emerging risks associated with the use of VLOPs/VLOSEs;
- acts as a knowledge hub for research conducted thanks to access to data provided by the DSA.

To help it in its work, ECAT has signed a cooperation agreement with the French Centre "Pole d'expertise du Regulation du Numérique", one of the world's first data science teams working on the issues covered by the DSA. It has also appointed the

members of the special group on the <u>EU code of conduct on age-appropriate design</u> (https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/group-age-appropriate-design), which kicked off its work on 13 June 2023.

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