

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Meeting record

Date of meeting	18.05.2022
Place of meeting (DG GROW premises,	Online.
other DG premises, stakeholder premises)	
Stakeholder(s) and representative(s)	CCIA –
	Shopify —
	Google –
	Amazon –
	Rakuten →
	eBay –
	Uber –
DG GROW representatives	
Representatives of other DGs	N/A
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Summary of meeting

GROW recalled the necessity to revise the Product liability directive by adapting it to the new value chains, to the digital age and to the circular economy. The discussion focused on the liability of online marketplaces.

The stakeholders' representatives stressed that a framework involving the responsibility of online marketplaces is already, or will be, in place with three major texts, i.e., General Product Safety regulation (GPSR), Market surveillance regulation (MSR) and the Digital services Act. These texts should be considered when adding another layer of responsibility for online marketplaces, that could impact the balance of interests. They were opposed to strict liability being imposed on online marketplaces when acting as simple intermediaries. They consider that some economic operators don't have powers over the manufacturing process and that the revision should adopt a similar approach of the MSR.

GROW explained that the revision will ensure coherence with the various product safety regulations.	