





EUROPEAN COMMISSION



Meeting record

Date of meeting	17.03.2022
Place of meeting (<i>DG GROW premises, other DG premises, stakeholder premises..</i>)	Online.
Stakeholder(s)	Dot Europe (Large internet platforms)
Representative(s) of stakeholder(s)	
DG GROW representatives	
Representatives of other DGs	N/A

Summary of meeting

GROW gave an overview of the impact assessment work and explained the ideas being assessed in relation to software, 3rd-country products and the burden of proof.

Dot indicated they understood the PLD was nearly 40 years old and in need of updating, although their response to the public consultation clearly indicated they saw no need for an update.

In light of the ongoing debates on whether “standalone software” (software supplied separately from the tangible device) should be explicitly covered in the General Product Safety Regulation and therefore whether ex ante safety assessments should be required for software updates, Dot acknowledged that covering software under the PLD would be preferable: ex ante compliance rules would entail considerable costs, whereas accepting liability if software did actually cause harm would not.

Dot therefore offered to come back within 4 weeks with a more nuanced position on what kinds of software they think should be covered in the PLD.