



**INTERNAL NOTE**

**Note of phone call with the European & International Booksellers Federation (EIBF) on  
09/02/2021**

**1. List of participants:**

**EIBF:**



**DG COMP:**



- 2. Location: Teleconference**
- 3. Phone call held at initiative of EIBF**
- 4. Time of the phone call: 10 AM**
- 5. Purpose of the exchange: to discuss DMA developments**
- 6. Subjects raised and nature of the information provided**

**Discussion with EIBF**

In the meeting, the EIBF wanted to discuss the DMA proposal. Overall, the EIBF was very happy with the proposal and prepared to assist during the legislative process as they can. They also had a few questions.

**Topics discussed:**

- i. Article 5 and Article 6 of the proposal and the EC's rationale in how it allocated the obligations to each Article.
- ii. The possible role of third parties in the context of the specification of measures to comply with the obligations of Article 6.
- iii. The (high) quantitative thresholds in designating gatekeepers and how this might undermine the effectiveness of the DMA (not capture large national/regional players, have a chilling effect on companies' growth).

- iv. Which platforms would fall in the scope of the DMA. Whether the DMA could capture interoperability concerns between e-readers (e.g. Kindle) and e-books purchased outside the e-readers ecosystem (e.g. e-books not purchased on the Amazon platform).
- v. Interaction of the DMA with national regulation in the digital sector.

The EIBF noted that it will follow-up and send to DG COMP data on (a) e-book consumption patterns and (b) any developments in European e-book distribution markets from the retailer side.

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