BTO: Meeting with Thorn, 28.03.2022

Participants:

- DG CNECT: 

- Third Parties: (Thorn), (Finsbury Glover Hering)

Thorn requested the meeting to discuss the state of play on the negotiations with the AI Act. Thorn was most interest on the provisions related to biometrics. Their AI-based tools in detecting child sexual material show the benefits of the technology and how it can improve children's safety online.

The Commission updated Thorn on the state of play in the negotiations in the Council and the Parliament. In relation to biometrics, there have been no substantial changes to the original Commission proposal, but amendments are expected from both the Council and the Parliament. The co-rapporteurs in the lead IMCO-LIBE Committees of the Parliament will present their draft opinion in April and the FR Presidency is planning further discussions on the justice and home affairs aspects.

The positions of the co-legislators are expected towards the end of the year.

Operational conclusion: Thorn offered to share background research and use cases on AI tools in online child protection.