Meeting between Cabinet Members of EVP Vestager and Google
June 26 at 15:00–15:30
Cabinet meeting room 12/062 Le Berlaymont, 1049 Brussels

Participants Google:

The meeting took place on the initiative of Google.

Google started the meeting by thanking the Cabinet for preparing the meeting between EVP Vestager and Google.

Next, Google commented on the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act, reporting that it favoured the initial proposal by the European Commission and voicing concern that General Purpose AI (GPAI) or generative AI could be classified as high-risk by default. In these areas of AI, Google explained that a more granular differentiation can make compliance easier. As an example, Google highlighted remarks on safe GPAI, where the term “safe” can be interpreted in multiple contexts (e.g., harmful model output or sustainable model training). In addition, Google stressed the importance of a clear distinction between different pieces of EU legislation. In particular, Google compared the Digital Services Act (DSA) with the AI Act, opining on potential overlaps (i.e., legislative use cases already covered through the DSA do not necessarily need to be regulated through the AI Act).

Moreover, Google commended the European Commission’s efforts for an international AI Code of Conduct. Google similarly aims to encourage transatlantic cooperation and, thus, offered its help in the AI Code of Conduct.

Google continued the meeting by commenting on the Digital Markets Act (DMA). Google raised questions regarding the challenges of complying with both the DMA and the Data Act: On one hand, the DMA promotes data portability among businesses; however, on the other hand, data-sharing provisions in the Data Act restrict Google from sharing data with other gatekeepers.

Cabinet of EVP Vestager took due note of Google’s comments.