DSA Transparency Database

DIGITAL SERVICES ACT

Online Feedback Session
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Housekeeping rules for today

• Please change your Webex-name in [name] + [organization]
• The focus of this meeting is on the user interface and features of a new Dashboard for the Transparency Database
• Chatham House rules apply
• Kindly raise your hand before speaking or write your comments in the chat
1. The **Transparency Toolkit** in the DSA

2. Introduction to the **DSA Transparency Database**

3. Demo Session of **Dashboard**

4. Hands-On Exploration of the **Dashboard**

5. Open Forum for **Feedback and Suggestions**

6. Closing Remarks and **Next Steps**
Transparency features of the DSA

- Art 17 & Art 24(5) – establishing the DSA Transparency Database
- Art 15, 24 & Art 42 – establishing the Transparency Reports
- Art 40 – establishing Access to VLOP's & VLOSE's data for researchers
  - Art 40(12) - establishing access to public data
  - Art 40(4) - establishing access to certain platform-internal data for vetted researchers
- Art 39 – establishing Advertising repositories for VLOPs & VLOSEs
- Art 14 – establishing transparent language of Terms and conditions
Article 17 sets out the scope of information that must be included in a statement of reasons (SoR), i.e. the information that must be communicated to users when informing them about content moderation decisions they were subject to (e.g. the type of restriction imposed, the legal ground for the moderation decision etc.)

Article 24(5) sets out the obligation to submit the statements of reasons into a publicly accessible, machine-readable database

The DSA Transparency Database schema translates the Article 17 legal requirements in a structured manner
Welcome to the DSA Transparency Database!

Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 on a Single Market for Digital Services and amending Directive 2000/31/EC (Digital Services Act), or the DSA, is a comprehensive set of new rules regulating the responsibilities of digital services that act as intermediaries within the EU to connect consumers with goods, services and content. These intermediary services include online platforms, such as online marketplaces or social media networks, that store and disseminate information to the public at the request of the recipients of the service. You can find more information about the DSA on the dedicated Commission website.

Article 17 of the DSA obliges providers of hosting services to send clear and specific statements of reasons to any affected recipient when they remove or otherwise restrict availability of and access to information provided by the recipient. In other words, providers of hosting services need to inform the users of the content moderation decisions they take and explain the reasons behind those decisions.
Source code: github.com/digital-services-act/transparency-database

Analytics

Overview | Platforms | Categories | Restrictions | Keywords | Grounds

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Transparency Database: Data lifecycle

User creates content → Platform moderates → Platform submits SoR → SoRs available on the database
DSA Transparency Database: Attribute examples

**Decision ground**
- Illegal
- TOS incompatible content

**Source type**
- Trusted flagger
- Voluntary
- Other

**Detection**
- Automated
- Not automated

**Category**
- Protection of minors
- Illegal or harmful speech
- Violence, [..]

**Decision**
- Fully automated
- Partially automated
- Not automated

**Content type**
- Video
- Text
- Audio, [..]
DSA Transparency Database Dashboard

- Aim to facilitate the extraction of useful insights, without requiring programming knowledge
- Focus on creating a more interactive and visual experience
- Availability is planned for one of the next releases of the database

Live demo

(based on 65M Statements of Reasons submitted 25/09 - 11/10)
Dashboard Demo - Practical Exercises

Join at slido.com #DSA-TB
Today!
Availability of Daily archives

First week of November
Transparency reports due to be published by VLOPs

Before end of year
Public consultation on transparency reporting templates

Before end of year
Dashboard release

February 2024
Non-VLOP platforms start submitting SoRs
Questions?

Thank You!