

## CAB Ansip meeting with FairSearchEurope on 17/06/2015

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FairSearch is a group of multinational businesses and organisations who lobby against the dominance of Google and certain Google business practices.

As to the Google cases, FairSearch Europe is happy with the recent developments, is willing to support the Commission and will send us information regarding their complaint (FairSearch is one of the complainants alleging that Google has abused its dominance of mobile phone operating systems) and their position.

KK made clear that VP Ansip considers this “Vestager’s case” and we will not comment on the case substance.

FairSearch Europe does not find platform regulation necessary and deems the COMP instruments sufficient. They assume that the reason for thinking now about regulating platforms is the slowness of the Google-case. Already the definition of platforms was found very difficult. Furthermore they found a possible contradiction between the principles of the DSM and further parallel regulation with similar objectives (competition and "new") on platforms.

KK replied that parallel regulation is a concept that is already used in several sectors, for example in telecoms, and that it functions well. It will be essential to define platforms. At this point however it has not been concluded whether or not regulation/additional instruments are needed. These are issues for the public consultation to be launched after summer. Only if evidence is found that additional regulation is needed the Commission will propose so.

In reply to the question by FairSearch Europe how the Commission assesses the French legislative plans to regulate platforms, KK replied that it was premature to comment on the compatibility of the French planned legislation.