Meeting Digital Platforms, 12th July 2021

Attendees:
(Twitter)
Werner Stengg (CAB VESTAGER)
Ines Holzegger (CAB VESTAGER)

This meeting was requested by representatives of several digital platforms to discuss their views on the DSA and the Open Internet. Before the meeting, a letter was sent describing their main concerns.

One of their main objectives is the creation of one single set of rules, putting an end to fragmentation. Discussing illegal content and content moderation, they stress the importance of proportionality while also requesting clearer guidance on what is to be considered illegal content and the obligations the platforms would need to meet. Without clear, harmonized rules, it could lead to over-removal of content, which all representatives would like to avoid.

Furthermore, they would like to see some nuance in the category of very large online platforms, as not all of them would be able to provide and establish the exact same services.

Mr Stengg acknowledges the concerns and stresses the importance of protecting the Open Internet. He explains that the DSA aims to tackle fragmentation while increasing transparency.