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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: [Joint-letter] Digital Services Act and the future of the Open Internet  
**Date:** Wednesday 30 June 2021 09:57:30  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for the proposed dates.

We would like to confirm Monday 05 July @ 11:00-11:30 if it is still available.

Either Webex or Zoom would work for us, so please send through the link once you have it available.

Let us know if you require any information/details ahead of time.

Big thanks again for helping to coordinate.

All the best

[REDACTED]

On Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 6:35

[REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your swift answer. I am pleased to offer the following possible dates for a meeting with Werner:

01/07 - 16:30-17:00

05/07 – 11:00-11:30

06/07 – 12:00-12:30 / 17:00-17:30

Please let me know which one of this slot is suitable for you and the other signatories of the joint letter. If needed, I can offer a WebEx or Zoom link.

For transparency purposes, this meeting will be published in the Transparency Register of the European Commission. Please make sure your organisation is duly registered.

The Cabinet does not intend to communicate actively on the content of this meeting. However, in line with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, minutes can be made accessible to the public upon request (without any disclosure of protected interests).

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] [@twitter.com](#)>

**Sent:** Thursday, June 24, 2021 6:19 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] [@ec.europa.eu](#)>

**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[redacted]@twitter.com>

**Subject:** Re: [Joint-letter] Digital Services Act and the future of the Open Internet

Dear [redacted],

Thanks so much for coming back to us.

We of course would love the opportunity to speak with Werner.

Would you be able to propose some potential dates for a virtual discussion over the next week or two?

Thank you again and all the best

[redacted]

On Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 5:21 [redacted]  
[redacted]@ec.europa.eu> wrote:

***Our internal reference to your request: [Ares\(2021\)4094794](#)***

Dear [redacted],

Dear [redacted],

Executive Vice-President Margrethe Vestager asked me to thank you for all the information provided in your email and your request for a discussion.

Due to a very busy period with numerous institutional commitments, EVP Vestager is unable to respond positively to the meeting demand. Nevertheless, she suggested that you meet our Cabinet expert Mr Werner Stengg to further discuss your concerns on the mentioned topics.

I stay at your disposal for the practical arrangements should you wish to take this option.

With kind regards,

[redacted]

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Werner (CAB-VESTAGER) <xxxxxx.xxxxxx@xx.xxxxxx.xx>  
**Subject:** RE: [Joint-letter] Digital Services Act and the future of the Open Internet

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

We hereby confirm the receipt of your email addressed to Executive Vice-President Margrethe Vestager.

Best regards,

Cabinet Vestager Team

**From:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@twitter.com>  
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**Subject:** [Joint-letter] Digital Services Act and the future of the Open Internet

Dear Executive Vice-President Vestager,

We hope this email finds you well.

This morning [Automatic](#), [Jodel](#), [Seznam](#), [Twitter](#), and [Vimeo](#), published today a joint letter ([available here](#)) highlighting the unique opportunity the Digital Services Act (DSA) represents to build on the laws that laid a foundation for the flourishing of the Open Internet.

We're writing to you today as a group of small and mid-sized digital companies to advocate on a few key points:

- **Digital Single Market Under Threat:** The signatories are calling for the EU institutions to defend the core purpose of the DSM: it is one market with one set of rules. Anything less harms the EU both as a location for business, a global competitor, and as an ally of the global and open Internet.
- **International Precedent of the DSA:** The models and penalties we enact in Europe will be exported across the world to service political agendas of all kinds, including those that would oppress fundamental rights, journalism, and activism.
- **Illegal Content and Flexibility on Enforcement:** Overly rigid and intensive proposals (such as those set out in Articles 14 to 21 of the DSA) risk setting regulatory barriers that only a handful of companies have the resources to meet. We call on the EU to clarify what constitutes illegal content and to adopt the principle that actual knowledge of illegality is only obtained by intermediaries if it comes through a legally defined judicial process.

• **The Reality of the Internet Ecosystem & Very Large Online Platforms:** The DSA should recognise that the Internet is [more than a handful of companies](#). We call on policymakers to reflect this by including more precision in the criteria for very large online platforms (VLOPS) in Chapter 3, Section 4.

• **Transparency:** We commit to continue increasing transparency around policy enforcement and data access to empower research and more disclosures around coordinated efforts to manipulate platforms. It is also necessary that we have flexible and differentiated requirements across all sectors. Horizontal requirements will only create an apples to oranges comparison between organisations large and small, centralised and decentralised.

We welcome your comments and feedback on our [joint letter](#) and the opportunity to discuss our approach further with you.

Best regards,

Automatic

Jodel

Seznam

Twitter

Vimeo

(Signatory contacts in cc)

