

**To: the European Commission**

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As member states we acknowledge the need for a careful process in light of the current debate on OTTs.

Both the acceleration of the deployment of very high capacity and future networks as well as the relationship between platforms and telecom operators are complex issues of the digital transformation and are essential for the functioning of the internet. Policy changes affecting relationships between telecom operators and platform providers need to be carefully examined on all aspects and considered by engaging all the relevant stakeholders.

We as Member States consider it of great importance that - before tabling any proposal or package -, there should be an open and transparent debate about it, including a public consultation and an early involvement of the Member States. This would allow for taking all relevant expertise and perspectives into account first and then examining these. In addition, BEREC has already announced the timeline of their analysis on this issue. We also consider it highly desirable to take prior account of the outcomes of the BEREC study.

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