Minutes of meeting between Cabinet Bieńkowska and Facebook on 12 June 2017

Subject: Digital Single Market
Participants
Kristian Hedberg Deputy Head of Cabinet Bieńkowska
I. Draft German Network Enforcement Act
raised the issue of the draft German Network Enforcement Act, which aims at ensuring that criminal content (such as hate speech) is removed by social network operators. expressed his strong concerns with the draft law. He argued that the German draft law does not comply with EU legislation, e.g. the eCommerce Directive. He also questioned the potential impact on freedom of expression, considering the measure draconian and the fines very severe. He underlined the importance of a dialogue with the German authories to change the law.
Mr Hedberg informed that the Commission is assessing the draft law notified by Germany with a deadline for comments by 28 June.
mentioned that Facebook has been in touch with Commissioners Ansip and Jourova. He also reported that Facebook has worked closely, and invested a lot of resources, with DG JUST for self-regulatory initiatives on hate speech.
also informed that Facebook is investing in AI to help better
understand users and to deal with fake news.