

Subject: Digital Single Market

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██████████ 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 authorities to change the law.

██████████ 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.

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