


Minutes of meeting between Cabinet Bieńkowska and Facebook on 12 June 2017**Subject: Digital Single Market****Participants**

Thomas Myrup Kristensen	Managing Director EU Affairs Head of Office, Brussels
Kristian Hedberg	Deputy Head of Cabinet Bieńkowska
Fabrice Comptour	Member of Cabinet Bieńkowska
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I. Draft German Network Enforcement Act

Mr Myrup Kristensen 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. Mr Myrup Kristensen 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.

Mr Hedberg informed that the Commission is assessing the draft law notified by Germany with a deadline for comments by 28 June.

Mr Myrup Kristensen 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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Mr Myrup Kristensen also informed that Facebook is investing in AI to help better understand users and to deal with fake news.

