

BTO Meeting Roberto Viola-Facebook, 19/10/2017

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- Electronics Communications Code
- Definitions: FB comfortable with ECS definitions within EP report. Keeping the distinction of services based on the use or not of numbers is key. Council's text more vague.
- General authorisation: Although inclusion of number independent ICS within the general authorisation regime is burdensome, FB could accept one single general authorisation in the main establishment MS. Objective is to avoid individual authorisation in every MS. FB will reply to a possible BEREC position paper on this.
- Interoperability: FB concerned about the possibility of being subject to future interoperability requirements based on a mere "competition assessment", which is unclear. It supports the inclusion of a legislative process as proposed by the EP and would like the inclusion of a technical feasibility clause in the BEREC report.
- End-to-end encryption and no additional security weakening: FB appreciates these amendments but they are not strictly necessary for them.
- Durable medium for contract information: No paper copies should be requested.
- Communication on tackling illegal content online - Fake-news
- FB favours self-regulation and one single EU approach in case the regulatory option was taken to deal with illegal content. It stresses the need to distinguish between different types of illegal content. It calls for other DGs such as JUST and HOME to make a new assessment of the effectiveness of existing measures, which FB sees as positive.
- On fake news, FB explains the company's efforts to tackle this issue (US and German elections, will also work in view of forthcoming IT elections) and shows willingness to contribute to the consultation and the high level group.
- E-Privacy
- FB concerned about the treatment of consent and cookies in the proposal, current text is unclear and could have a negative impact on behavioural advertising that would make the market unsustainable.
- RV disagrees with this interpretation, the proposal increases transparency and simplifies the end-user's experience through control of the browser settings. The browser providers are unlikely to disable cookies in the default settings. FB distinguishes between 1st party / session and 3rd party cookies in this respect. RV offers the possibility to organise a technical meeting in the near future.

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