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SHORT NOTES OF A MEETING

Subject: Meeting with Spotify on 18/09/2020 (*Digital Services Act, gatekeeper platforms regulation*)

I met with and

Ex ante regulation of platforms raises 3 questions: scope, practices, enforcement machinery.

Huge support from many businesses, of all sizes; political support is also growing, across MS of different dispositions, including of EC decision-making power.

Important to focus on major gatekeepers – narrow scope will sustain stronger regulatory tool.

Important to identify EU-level quantitative indicators of scale.

OECD platform definition is preferable to that of P2B regulation (focus on 2-sided contractual relations misses the advertising nexus with end users).

Re. practices: it is easier to detect problems in terms & conditions than in ‘under the bonnet’ behaviours.

Access to platform services should not be conditioned to additional data provision or acceptance of ancillary services.

Enforcement: need for effective sanctions, deadlines for certain decisions, interim measures power.

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