

Meeting between EVP Vestager and [REDACTED] Google and Alphabet, 30 March, 12:00

Participants:

Google/Alphabet

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Commission (EVP Cabinet):

- Margrethe Vestager, Executive Vice President
- Kim Jørgensen
- Christiane Canenbley
- Michele Piergiovanni

Topics: DMA, Digital regulation, Payment systems, Competition

EVP Vestager and [REDACTED] primarily exchanged on the upcoming DMA and a number of competition issues. Google is already working on compliance and would like to engage as soon as possible.

On payment systems, [REDACTED] Google wants to ensure that users get a good product and do not have issues with payments, otherwise this might give a bad image to Google itself. [REDACTED]

Google gave an update on negotiations with publishers. They are difficult, especially in France, but it is advancing and Google is optimistic. Regulatory authorities and publishers don't always share the same objectives and this adds complexity.

More generally, when it comes to digital regulation, Google will work at compliance, including through regulatory dialogue [REDACTED]. Google hopes this would not be a disadvantage if other companies were to take a different approach.

The EVP took good note of all the points and made clear that the Commission will be vigilant about compliance and will enforce where needed.