

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, CONTENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Platforms Policy and Enforcement
The Director

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Dear Sir, / Dear Madam,

I am contacting you as regards the implementation by your Member State of Articles 50, 51 and 52 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 ("the Digital Services Act"). These provisions require Member States to ensure that the Digital Services Coordinator, designated pursuant to Article 49 of the Digital Services Act, is entrusted the necessary resources and powers to fulfil its tasks under the Regulation as regards service providers established in each Member State. This includes the possibility of imposing penalties, in accordance with Article 52 of the Digital Services Act, in cases of found infringements of the Regulation by service providers within their competence.

Pursuant to Article 49 of the Digital Services Act, Member States shall designate their Digital Services Coordinators by 17 February 2024. This is crucial to ensure that the Digital Services Act can start deploying its full effects from its entry into application on the same date. A sufficiently resourced and fully operational Digital Services Coordinator in each Member State is absolutely essential for the exercise of the new rights created under the Digital Services Act.

I take note of the progress made in your Member State as regard the formal designation of the Digital Services Coordinator and its empowerment to fulfil its role as required by the Digital Services Act. I am aware of the intensive discussions taking place at technical level between the services.

I would kindly ask you to reply to the questionnaire in annex below, regarding the state of play and any pending actions that your Member State needs to take in implementing the above mentioned provisions. I would welcome to receive your replies by **26 February 2024**, by replying to the functional mailbox CNECT-DSA-BOARD@ec.europa.eu.

I look forward to continuing our good cooperation in bringing the Digital Services Act to reality, for the benefit of all users in the Union.

Yours faithfully,

Rita WEZENBEEK

Questionnaire concerning the implementation of Articles 50, 51 and 52 of the Digital Services Act

You are kindly requested to reply to the below questions regarding the state of play and envisaged timeline for the implementation of Articles 50, 51 and 52 of the Digital Services Act in your Member State. Please provide as concrete information as possible.

- 1. Is your Member State implementing Articles 50, 51 and 52 of the Digital Services Act by means of a legislative act? In the affirmative, has this legislative act been formally adopted? Please provide the full name and reference of the draft or adopted legislative act, and, where available, the hyperlink to its publication.
- 2. If the legislative act has not yet been formally adopted, please provide information regarding:
 - a. Any interim steps already taken necessary for its adoption and their timing
 - b. Any interim steps still to be taken necessary for its adoption
 - c. The expected dates when these steps will be taken
 - d. The expected adoption date
- 3. Please indicate any foreseeable elements in your legislative or political context that might impact the expected date of adoption.
- 4. Is the above legislative act also meant to designate the Digital Services Coordinator, and any other competent authority, pursuant to Article 49 of the Digital Services Act?
- 5. Please indicate the resources available to, or planned to be made available to, the Digital Services Coordinator which shall allow it to carry out its tasks (including sufficient technical, financial and human resources to adequately supervise all providers of intermediary services falling within its competence), pursuant to Article 50(1) of the Digital Services Act.
- 6. Please indicate the legal conditions under national law determining the independence of the Digital Services Coordinator or designated competent authorities from public and private bodies, ensuring that is not under the obligation or possibility to seek or receive instructions, including from the Government, pursuant to Article 50(2) of the Digital Services Act.
- 7. If the Digital Services Coordinator or any other competent authorities are to be designated by means of a different act, please provide the full name and reference and any pertinent information regarding its adoption or planned adoption.