Question for written answer E-008294/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Janice Atkinson (EFDD)

Subject: Single Digital Market Strategy - Privacy and protection of fair use content

It has been reported that the Single Digital Market Strategy would seek to impose a 'duty of care' on intermediaries such as ISPs regarding their services being used to host or access illegal content. I am concerned that this will legislate in favour of the invasion of privacy of law-abiding citizens by said intermediaries, who will be tasked with policing the content on their system. Furthermore, this will lead to the blocking or removal of legal content, such as that covered under fair use, by overcautious companies seeking to avoid falling foul of this legislation.

What measures are contained within the Single Digital Market Strategy to ensure the protection of privacy rights and the protection of legal content?

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