Amendment 7 Vicky Ford on behalf of the ECR Group

# Motion for a resolution PPE, S&D

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# Motion for a resolution Paragraph 1

## Motion for a resolution

1. Calls on the Member States and the Commission, through sustained efforts of implementation of existing rules and enforcement of these rules, as part of an overarching strategy, to address all existing barriers that are hindering the development of the digital single market; believes that these efforts need to be at the heart of the EU's efforts to generate economic growth and employment and strengthen its competitiveness and resilience within the global economy;

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1. Calls on the Member States and the Commission, through sustained efforts of implementation of existing rules and enforcement of these rules, as part of an overarching strategy, to address all existing barriers that are hindering the development of the digital single market, while making sure that measures are impact-assessed, future-proof and fit for the digital age; believes that these efforts need to be at the heart of the EU's efforts to generate economic growth and employment and strengthen its competitiveness and resilience within the global economy;

Or. en

Amendment 8
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on behalf of the ECR Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2 a (new)

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2a. Highlights, in particular, the potential of e-commerce, which, it is estimated, could save consumers more than EUR 11.7 billion a year if they could choose from the full range of EU goods and services when shopping online;

Or. en

Amendment 9
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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3

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3. Stresses the need to tackle and combat the digital divide in order to fully grasp the potential of the digital single market and to *guarantee* the inclusion of all citizens, regardless of their income, social situation, geographical location, health or age, in society in the digital era;

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3. Stresses the need to tackle and combat the digital divide in order to fully grasp the potential of the digital single market and to *enable* the inclusion of all citizens, regardless of their income, social situation, geographical location, health or age, in society in the digital era;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 3 a (new)

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3a. Notes, in particular, the need to address the obstacles which remain for consumers and businesses regarding e-commerce, including online services, access to digital content, fraud prevention, website registrations, sales promotions and labelling;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 2

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2. Stresses that any legislative proposal related to the digital single market must comply with the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, so that rights enshrined therein are fully protected in the digital domain;

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2. Calls for fundamental rights to be respected in the development of the digital single market in order to ensure the full protection of European citizens in the digital world;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 4

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4. Calls on the Commission to ensure the swift implementation of the single market for services and to ensure the implementation and enforcement of rules such as the Consumer Rights Directive, alternative dispute resolution and online dispute resolution, while ensuring the reduction of administrative burdens;

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4. Calls on the Commission to ensure the swift implementation of the single market for services by encouraging a sector-specific approach to services in order to generate growth in areas with the most economic potential, including business services and insurance, and to ensure the implementation and enforcement of rules such as the Consumer Rights Directive, alternative dispute resolution and online dispute resolution, while ensuring the reduction of administrative burdens;

Or. en

Amendment 13 Vicky Ford on behalf of the ECR Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 5

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5. Calls for the swift adoption of the new modernised Data Protection Package in order to provide an appropriate balance between a high level of protection of personal data, user safety and control over one's personal data and a stable, predictable legislative environment in which businesses can flourish in an enhanced single market for the benefit of end-users, a level playing field fostering investment, and an environment contributing to the attractiveness of the EU as a destination for businesses: calls on the Commission and the Member States to allocate the necessary resources to fight cybercrime by means of legislative measures and law enforcement cooperation, at both national and EU level:

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5. Calls for the swift adoption of the new modernised Data Protection Regulation in order to provide an appropriate balance between a high level of protection of personal data, user safety and control over one's personal data and a stable, predictable legislative environment in which businesses, innovation and economic growth can flourish in an enhanced single market for the benefit of end-users, a level playing field fostering investment, and an environment contributing to the attractiveness of the EU as a destination for businesses; calls on the Commission and the Member States to allocate the necessary resources to fight cybercrime by means of legislative measures and law enforcement cooperation, at both national and EU level, particularly through the use of Europol's European Cybercrime Centre (EC3);

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 7

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7. Notes that a level playing field for companies in the digital single market must be ensured in order to guarantee a vibrant digital economy in the EU; stresses that a thorough enforcement of EU competition rules in the digital single market will be determinant for the growth of the market, consumer access and choice and competitiveness in the long term;

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7. Notes that a level playing field for companies in the digital single market must be ensured in order to guarantee a vibrant digital economy in the EU; stresses that a thorough enforcement of EU competition rules in the digital single market will be determinant for the growth of the market, consumer access and choice and competitiveness in the long term; highlights the importance of affording consumers the same protection online as they enjoy in their traditional markets;

Or. en

Amendment 15 Vicky Ford on behalf of the ECR Group

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 8 a (new)

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8a. Underlines the potential of big data analytics in generating growth and facilitating innovation, research and development in areas including health;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 11

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11. Stresses that, when *using* search engines, the search process and results should be unbiased in order to keep internet searches non-discriminatory, to ensure more competition and choice for users and consumers and to maintain the diversity of sources of information; notes, therefore, that indexation, evaluation, presentation and ranking by search engines must be unbiased and transparent, and that, for interlinked services, search engines must guarantee full transparency when showing search results; calls on the Commission to prevent any abuse in the marketing of interlinked services by search engine operators;

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11. Stresses that, when *operating* search engines *for users*, the search process and results should be unbiased in order to keep internet searches non-discriminatory, to ensure more competition and choice for users and consumers and to maintain the diversity of sources of information; notes, therefore, that indexation, evaluation, presentation and ranking by search engines must be unbiased and transparent; calls on the Commission to prevent any abuse in the marketing of interlinked services by search engine operators;

Or. en

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9. Stresses that all internet traffic should be treated equally, without discrimination, restriction or interference, irrespective of its sender, receiver, type, content, device, service or application; Amendment

9. Strongly believes in the principle of an open internet where traffic is treated equally in a non-discriminatory manner; recognises, however, that the increase in the use of the internet, in particular Internet Protocol TV, has put further pressure on service providers to efficiently manage their network capacity using traffic management tools; believes that any further legislation in this area must have consumer protection at its core while permitting necessary traffic management and specialised services where they are not materially detrimental to other users, and at the same time endowing authorities with the ability to take action against crime;

Or. en

Amendment 18 Vicky Ford on behalf of the ECR Group

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12. Welcomes the announcement of further investigations by the Commission into search engine practices and the digital market in general;

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12. Welcomes the announcement of further investigations by the Commission into search engine practices and the digital market in general; notes the possibility of the Commission implementing remedies to address possible competition concerns; believes that specific competition measures and general initiatives aimed at improving the digital single market have different aims and should be seen as distinct, particularly with regard to policy initiatives, which should comply with the principles of better lawmaking;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 15 a (new)

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15a. Welcomes the conclusion of the Marrakesh Treaty to facilitate access for the visually impaired to books, and encourages all signatories to ratify the Treaty; believes that the Marrakesh Treaty represents a good step forward, but that much work remains to be done in order to open up access to content for people with disabilities, in addition to those affected by visual impairment; highlights the importance of further enhancing accessibility across a broad spectrum of areas, from copyright and search engines to telecommunications operators;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 17

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17. Recalls that cloud computing can become a powerful instrument for the development of the digital single market, and can offer economic benefits. particularly for SMEs, by reducing IT infrastructure and other costs; highlights in this connection the fact that, if cloud services are provided only by a limited number of large providers, an increasing amount of information will be aggregated in the hands of those providers; recalls, furthermore, that cloud computing also entails risks for users, in particular as regards sensitive data; calls for proper implementation of the European strategy to guarantee competitive and secure cloud computing;

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17. Recalls that, as highlighted in the Cost of Non-Europe report, cloud computing can become a powerful instrument for the development of the digital single market, and can offer economic benefits, particularly for SMEs, by reducing IT infrastructure and other costs; highlights in this connection the fact that, if cloud services are provided only by a limited number of large providers, an increasing amount of information will be aggregated in the hands of those providers; calls for proper implementation of the European strategy to guarantee competitive and secure cloud computing;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18

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18. Calls on the Commission to take the lead in promoting international standards and specifications for cloud computing, which enable privacy-friendly, reliable, highly interoperable, secure and energy-efficient cloud services as an integral part of a future Union industrial policy; stresses that reliability, security and protection of data are needed for consumer confidence and competitiveness;

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18. Calls on the Commission to take the lead in promoting international standards and specifications for cloud computing, which enable privacy-friendly, reliable, *accessible*, highly interoperable, secure and energy-efficient cloud services as an integral part of a future Union industrial policy; stresses that reliability, security and protection of data are needed for consumer confidence and competitiveness;

Or. en

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Motion for a resolution Paragraph 18 a (new)

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18a. Underlines the need to ensure internet safety online, in particular for children, and to prevent child exploitation by ensuring that means are in place to detect and eradicate illegal child abuse images on the internet and by enabling means to prevent children and adolescents accessing age-restricted content;

Or. en