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Dr Felice Simonelli is a Senior Research Fellow at CEPS and he heads the Policy Evaluation Programme and the Project Development Team. Since 2009 Felice Simonelli has been working for research centres and acting as a freelance consultant to public institutions, trade associations, and companies. His research and consultancy activities focus on better regulation, digital economy, industrial policy, competition policy, business strategy & competitiveness and energy-intensive industries.



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Previously, Alexandre worked for the Belgian Deputy Prime Minister, the Belgian Permanent Representation to the European Union and the European Commission (DG CONNECT). He holds a Ph.D. in Law from the European University Institute and a Master Degree in Economics from the University of Louvain.

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Ms. Maryant Fernández Pérez

Maryant is a lawyer and a Senior Digital Policy Officer at the European Consumer Organisation (BEUC), an association of 45 national consumer organisations from 32 countries. At BEUC, she represents and defends consumer interests in the fields of telecommunications, online platforms and e-commerce, digital trade and data flows, privacy and data protection. She is also an Advisory Board member of the Data Protection On The Ground Chair at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and a member of the Steering Group of the NetCompetition Alliance. Maryant previously worked as a Senior Policy Advisor at European Digital Rights (EDRi) and was a member of the European Commission's Expert Group on Trade Agreements. Maryant is the author of several publications and speaker at multiple conferences in Europe and around the world.

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Prof. Dr Jan Nordemann

Prof. Nordemann has specialised in several areas of intellectual property and is today a recognised leading expert in these fields. Furthermore, he teaches intellectual property law. He was declared as Honorary Professor at the Humboldt University Berlin. He is the chair of the Copyright Committee of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI).

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Malcolm Hutty is the Chair of the Intermediary Liability Committee and former President of EuroISPA, the European Association of Internet Service Providers. In this capacity, he is leading internal discussions on the upcoming Digital Services Act.



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