Words by the Chair

Dear colleagues,

At our next meeting we will discuss two recent Commission proposals that are very important for the digital world and for European industry - namely the Digital Services Act (DSA) and the Digital Markets Act (DMA). The new rules will better protect consumers and their fundamental rights online, and will lead to fairer and more open digital markets for everyone. As Ms. Vestager said: "what is illegal offline is equally illegal online." The new rules will prohibit unfair conditions imposed by online platforms that have become or are expected to become gatekeepers to the single market.

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News and events

On 4 March 2021, the ITRE Committee will have an exchange of views with Ms Margrethe Vestager, Executive Vice-President for A Europe Fit for the Digital Age, on the Commission's proposals for a Digital Services Act and a Digital Markets Act.

The Commission recently adopted two legislative proposals that are very important for the digital world and for European industry - namely the Digital Services Act (DSA) and the Digital Markets Act (DMA). They are meant to change fundamentally the online services market and to address recent developments, including those caused by the emergence of global Tech Giants - e.g. the "GAFA" (Google, Amazon, Facebook, Apple). The DSA introduces a horizontal framework for all categories of content, products, services and activities of "intermediary services" providers, through a scale of obligations depending on the size of the provider. The DMA targets specifically the largest players of the sector that have gained such a market power that they are de facto "gatekeepers", to prevent market practices that are detrimental to competition, innovation, etc.

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