Question for written answer E-008284/2013 to the Commission Rule 117 Brian Crowley (ALDE)

Subject: Addressing the issues of ownership of data with regard to cloud computing

Currently, in Europe, much digital content is unavailable for distribution from one state to another owing to multiple differing legislative frameworks. It is reported that customers who pay for access to such digital content in their country of origin often cannot access this content once they travel to other countries. The Commission states that for cloud computing to work there must be a distribution model which allows access to all content types across different devices and territories.

Could the Commission outline what proposals it has with regard to this distribution model and how it aims to open up access to digital content throughout the EU?

Could the Commission outline its proposals regarding liability for illegal content distributed through cloud services?

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