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Subject: Inclusion of the main pornographic websites on the list of ‘very large online platforms’ under the Digital Services Act

In October 2022, the Digital Services Act was adopted¹. It provides for additional obligations for providers of ‘very large online platforms’ (Section 5), particularly in terms of the annual assessment of any systemic risks stemming from their services and concerning ‘the dissemination of illegal content’, ‘the exercise of fundamental rights, in particular [...] the rights of the child’, ‘gender-based violence, the protection of public health and minors and serious negative consequences to the person’s physical and mental well-being’ (Article 34).

On 25 April 2023, the Commission designated an initial series of 17 ‘very large online platforms’. However, it is surprising that no pornographic websites were included, while the content of platforms such as Xvideos, Pornhub, Xnxx or xhamster, which are visited more often than some of those on the Commission’s list, often undermines people’s rights and dignity.

Will the Commission include Xvideos, Pornhub, Xnxx and Xhamster on the list of ‘very large online platforms’ under the Digital Services Act and, if so, when?

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¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32022R2065>.