

**Priority question for written answer P-005320/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: DSA Package ex ante regulatory framework and the New Competition Tool

There is currently a lack of clarity as to how a proposed ex ante regulatory framework being developed by DG CONNECT/DG GROW, and Option 3(b) of the inception impact assessment<sup>1</sup> in particular, might operate alongside the New Competition Tool (NCT) being proposed by DG COMP. It would be good if the relevant directorates could jointly issue a statement clarifying the relationship between both proposals.

1. In particular, could the Commission indicate how these proposals will relate to each other in terms of scope and enforcement?
2. Are there considerations a) for the NCT to apply only to certain sectors, and b) for it to apply only to companies designated as gatekeepers through the ex ante regulation?
3. Finally, how will the Commission ensure that there is no duplication of regulatory effort or inconsistency in outcomes?

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<sup>1</sup> Inception impact assessment – Ares(2020)2877647.