

**Priority question for written answer P-002462/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Lack of international rules to make implementation of EU digital strategy effective

The European Commission has put forward an ambitious digital strategy; several texts have been adopted during the 2019-2024 mandate, such as the Digital Services Act and Digital Markets Act, with more to follow, like the European Media Freedom Act and Artificial Intelligence Act.

While these texts, alongside the 2019 Copyright Directive, represent a step towards better regulation of the net and stakeholders, a number of outstanding issues remain regarding their implementation. Some of the legislation provides for the establishment of administrative authorities to ensure that the newly adopted rules are applied (e.g. Digital Services Coordinators under the Digital Services Act) but the lack of international rules in this area renders this ineffective.

The existing rules on the recognition of court decisions and exequatur are radically incompatible with the requirements to be quick to ensure effectiveness on digital networks. There are no treaties between Europe and the United States, South Korea or China governing this matter despite the fact that it is now of crucial importance. Yet on digital networks the key factor is time.

Has the Commission opened a discussion on this matter with the United States, South Korea or, in particular, China, with a view to ensuring that the decisions of the judicial and administrative authorities in Europe are fully effective?

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