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Single Market For Digital Services (Digital Services Act) and amending
Directive 2000/31/EC

Proposal for a regulation
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Amendment 377

Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Valérie Hayer, Fabienne Keller, Christophe Grudler, Marco Zullo, Stéphane Séjourné, Laurence Farreng

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 40

Text proposed by the Commission

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Furthermore, the notice and action mechanism should be complemented by 'stay down' provisions whereby providers of hosting services should demonstrate their best efforts in order to prevent from reappearing content which is identical to another piece of content that has already been identified and removed by them as illegal. The application of this requirement should not lead to any general monitoring obligation.

Amendment 378**Adam Bielan, Kosma Złotowski, Eugen Jurzyca, Beata Mazurek****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 40***Text proposed by the Commission*

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Amendment 379

Alexandra Geese, Rasmus Andresen, Kim Van Sparrentak
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

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Amendment 380
Geert Bourgeois

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 40

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Amendment 381

Geoffroy Didier, Sabine Verheyen, Brice Hortefeux, Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé, Tomasz Frankowski

Proposal for a regulation

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Or. en

Amendment 382
Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron

Proposal for a regulation
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Or. fr

Amendment 383
Dita Charanzová, Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Claudia Gamon, Morten Løkkegaard, Svenja Hahn, Karen Melchior, Liesje Schreinemacher

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 40 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(40a) Nevertheless, notices should be directed to the actor that has the technical and operational ability to act and the closest relationship to the recipient of the service that provided the information or content, such as to an online platform and not to the hosting service provider on which provides services to that online platform. Such hosting service providers should redirect such notices to the particular online platform and inform the notifying party of this fact.

Or. en

Amendment 384

Dita Charanzová, Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Claudia Gamon, Morten Løkkegaard, Svenja Hahn, Karen Melchior, Liesje Schreinemacher

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 40 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(40b) Moreover, hosting providers should seek to act only against the items of information notified. This may include acts such as disabling hyperlinking to the items of information. Where the removal or disabling of access to individual items of information is technically or operationally unachievable due to legal, contractual, or technological reasons, such as encrypted file and data storage and sharing services, hosting providers should inform the recipient of the service of the notification and seek action. If a recipient fails to act or delays action, or the provider has reason to believe has failed to act or otherwise acts in bad faith, the hosting provider may suspend their service in line with their terms and conditions.

Or. en

Amendment 385

Arba Kokalari, Andrey Kovatchev, Pablo Arias Echeverría, Andreas Schwab, Krzysztof Hetman, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Maria da Graça Carvalho, Tomislav Sokol, Axel Voss, Ivan Štefanec, Barbara Thaler

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 41

Text proposed by the Commission

(41) The rules on such notice and action mechanisms should be harmonised at Union level, so as to provide for the timely, diligent and objective processing of notices on the basis of rules that are uniform, transparent and clear and that provide for robust safeguards to protect the right and legitimate interests of all affected parties, in particular their fundamental rights guaranteed by the Charter, irrespective of the Member State in which those parties are established or reside and of the field of law at issue. The fundamental rights include, as the case may be, the right to freedom of expression and information, the right to respect for private and family life, the right to protection of personal data, the right to non-discrimination and the right to an effective remedy of the recipients of the service; the freedom to conduct a business, including the freedom of contract, of service providers; as well as the right to human dignity, the rights of the child, the right to protection of property, including intellectual property, and the right to non-discrimination of parties affected by illegal content.

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Or. en

Amendment 386**Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 41***Text proposed by the Commission*

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*Amendment**(Does not affect the English version.)*

Or. fr

Amendment 387**Dita Charanzová, Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Claudia Gamon, Morten Løkkegaard, Svenja Hahn, Karen Melchior, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Liesje Schreinemacher****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 41 a (new)**

(41a) Where a hosting service provider decides to remove or disable information provided by a recipient of the service, either because it is illegal or is not allowed under its terms and conditions, it should do so in a timely manner, taking into account the potential harm the infraction and the technical abilities of the provider. Information that could have a negative effect on minors, women and vulnerable users such as those with protected characteristics under Article 21 of the Charter should be seen as a matter requiring urgency.

Or. en

Amendment 388

Dita Charanzová, Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Morten Løkkegaard, Svenja Hahn, Karen Melchior, Liesje Schreinemacher

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 42

(42) Where a hosting service provider decides to remove or disable information provided by a recipient of the service, for instance following receipt of a notice or acting on its own initiative, including through the use of automated means, that provider should inform the recipient of its decision, the reasons for its decision and the available redress possibilities to contest the decision, in view of the negative consequences that such decisions may have for the recipient, including as regards the exercise of its fundamental right to freedom of expression. That obligation should apply irrespective of the reasons for the decision, in particular whether the action has been taken because the information notified is considered to be illegal content or incompatible with the

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information notified is considered to be illegal content or incompatible with the applicable terms and conditions. Available recourses to challenge the decision of the hosting service provider should always include judicial redress. ***Such an statement, however, should not be required if it relates to spam, manifestly illegal content, removal of content similar or identical to content already removed from the same recipient who has already received a statement or where a provider of hosting service does not have the information necessary to inform the recipient by a durable medium.***

Or. en

Amendment 389
Carlo Fidanza

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 42

Text proposed by the Commission

(42) ***Where a*** hosting service provider ***decides*** to remove or disable information provided by a recipient of the service, ***for instance*** following receipt of a notice or acting on its own initiative, ***including through the use of automated means, that provider should inform the recipient of its decision, the reasons for its decision and the available redress possibilities to contest the decision,*** in view of the negative consequences that such decisions may have for the recipient, including as regards the exercise of its fundamental right to freedom of expression. ***That obligation should apply irrespective of the reasons for the decision, in particular whether the action has been taken because the information notified is considered to be illegal content or incompatible with the applicable terms and conditions.*** Available recourses to challenge the decision of the hosting

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Amendment 390
Geert Bourgeois

Proposal for a regulation
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(42) Where a hosting service provider, ***within the limits of the rules laid down by this Regulation***, decides to remove or disable information provided by a recipient of the service, for instance following receipt of a notice or acting on its own initiative, including through the use of automated means, that provider should inform the recipient of its decision, the reasons for its decision and the available redress possibilities to contest the decision, in view of the negative consequences that such decisions may have for the recipient, including as regards the exercise of its fundamental right to freedom of expression. That obligation should apply irrespective of the reasons for the decision, in particular whether the action has been taken because the information notified is considered to be ***manifestly illegal content related to serious crimes***, illegal content or incompatible with the applicable terms and conditions. ***This obligation should not apply to micro and small enterprises as defined in Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC.*** Available recourses to challenge the decision of the hosting service provider should always include judicial redress.

Or. nl

Amendment 391

Geoffroy Didier, Sabine Verheyen, Brice Hortefeux, Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé, Tomasz Frankowski

Proposal for a regulation

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Or. en

Amendment 392

Andrea Caroppo, Salvatore De Meo, Carlo Fidanza

Proposal for a regulation

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Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 393

Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron

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Or. fr

Amendment 394

Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Valérie Hayer, Fabienne Keller, Christophe Grudler, Marco Zullo, Stéphane Séjourné, Laurence Farreng

Proposal for a regulation Recital 42

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Amendment 395**Martin Schirdewan, Anne-Sophie Pelletier****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 42***Text proposed by the Commission*

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Or. en

Amendment 396**Arba Kokalari, Pablo Arias Echeverría, Andreas Schwab, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Tomislav Sokol, Axel Voss, Ivan Štefanec, Andrea Caroppo****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 42 a (new)***Text proposed by the Commission**Amendment****(42a) A hosting service provider may in***

some instances become aware, for instance through a notice by a notifying party or through its own voluntary measures, of information relating to certain activity of a recipient of the service, such as the provision of certain types of illegal content, that reasonably justify, having regard to all relevant circumstances of which the hosting service provider is aware, the suspicion that the recipient may have committed, may be committing or is likely to commit a serious criminal offence involving a threat to the life or safety of person, such as offences specified in Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council. In such instances, the hosting service provider should inform without delay the competent law enforcement authorities of such suspicion, providing all relevant information available to it, including where relevant the content in question and an explanation of its suspicion. This Regulation does not provide the legal basis for profiling of recipients of the services with a view to the possible identification of criminal offences by hosting service providers. Hosting service providers should also respect other applicable rules of Union or national law for the protection of the rights and freedoms of individuals when informing law enforcement authorities.

Or. en

Amendment 397

Marcel Kolaja

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 42 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(42a) When moderating content, mechanisms voluntarily employed by platforms should not lead to ex-ante

control measures based on automated tools or upload-filtering of content. Automated tools are currently unable to differentiate illegal content from content that is legal in a given context and therefore routinely result in over-blocking legal content. Human review of automated reports by service providers or their contractors does not fully solve this problem, especially if it is outsourced to private staff that lack sufficient independence, qualification and accountability. Ex-ante control should be understood as making publishing subject to an automated decision. Filtering automated content submissions such as spam should be permitted. Where automated tools are otherwise used for content moderation the provider should ensure human review and the protection of legal content.

Or. en

Amendment 398

Dita Charanzová, Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Morten Løkkegaard, Karen Melchior, Liesje Schreinemacher

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 42 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(42a) Due to the international nature of many providers of hosting services, many have already implemented similar requirements under the laws of third-party countries. In order to prevent a doubling of requirements and the removal of existing systems for recipients, the Commission should be empowered to declare these mechanisms as ensuring an adequate level of protection and fulfilling the requirements in Article 14 and Article 15.

Or. en

Amendment 399

Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron, Alessandra Basso

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission

(43) To avoid disproportionate burdens, the additional obligations imposed on online platforms under this Regulation should not apply to micro or small enterprises as defined in Recommendation 2003/361/EC of the Commission,⁴¹ unless their reach and impact is such that they meet the criteria to qualify as very large online platforms under this Regulation. The consolidation rules laid down in that Recommendation help ensure that any circumvention of those additional obligations is prevented. The exemption of micro- and small enterprises from those additional obligations should not be understood as affecting their ability to set up, on a voluntary basis, a system that complies with one or more of those obligations.

⁴¹ Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p. 36).

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(43) To avoid disproportionate burdens, the additional obligations imposed on online platforms under this Regulation should not apply to micro or small enterprises as defined in Recommendation 2003/361/EC of the Commission,⁴¹ ***with the exception of those which are owned or controlled by bodies established outside the European Union,*** unless their reach and impact is such that they meet the criteria to qualify as very large online platforms under this Regulation. The consolidation rules laid down in that Recommendation help ensure that any circumvention of those additional obligations is prevented. The exemption of micro- and small enterprises from those additional obligations should not be understood as affecting their ability to set up, on a voluntary basis, a system that complies with one or more of those obligations.

⁴¹ Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p. 36).

Or. fr

Amendment 400

Maria da Graça Carvalho

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission

(43) To avoid disproportionate burdens, the additional obligations imposed on online platforms under this Regulation should not apply to micro *or* small enterprises as defined in Recommendation 2003/361/EC of the Commission⁴¹, unless their reach and impact is such that they meet the criteria to qualify as very large online platforms under this Regulation. The consolidation rules laid down in that Recommendation help ensure that any circumvention of those additional obligations is prevented. The exemption of micro- *and* small enterprises from those additional obligations should not be understood as affecting their ability to set up, on a voluntary basis, a system that complies with one or more of those obligations.

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Amendment

(43) To avoid disproportionate burdens, the additional obligations imposed on online platforms under this Regulation should not apply to micro, small *and medium-sized* enterprises as defined in Recommendation 2003/361/EC of the Commission⁴¹, unless their reach and impact is such that they meet the criteria to qualify as very large online platforms under this Regulation. The consolidation rules laid down in that Recommendation help ensure that any circumvention of those additional obligations is prevented. The exemption of micro-, small *and medium-sized* enterprises from those additional obligations should not be understood as affecting their ability to set up, on a voluntary basis, a system that complies with one or more of those obligations.

⁴¹ Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p. 36).

Or. pt

Amendment 401

Arba Kokalari, Pablo Arias Echeverría, Andreas Schwab, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Maria da Graça Carvalho, Tomislav Sokol, Axel Voss, Ivan Štefanec, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Barbara Thaler

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⁴¹ Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p. 36).

Or. en

Amendment 402

Martin Schirdewan, Anne-Sophie Pelletier

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission

(43) To avoid disproportionate burdens, the additional obligations imposed on online platforms under this Regulation should not apply to micro ***or small enterprises*** as defined in Recommendation 2003/361/EC of the Commission,⁴¹ unless their reach and impact is such that they meet the criteria to qualify as very large online platforms under this Regulation. The consolidation rules laid down in that Recommendation help ensure that any circumvention of those additional obligations is prevented. The exemption of micro- and small enterprises from those additional obligations should not be understood as affecting their ability to set

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⁴¹ Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (OJ L 124, 20.5.2003, p. 36).

Or. en

Amendment 403

Arba Kokalari, Pablo Arias Echeverría, Andreas Schwab, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Maria da Graça Carvalho, Tomislav Sokol, Ivan Štefanec, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Barbara Thaler

Proposal for a regulation Recital 43 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(43a) To similarly avoid unnecessary regulatory burdens, certain obligations should not apply to hosting service providers often referred to as closed online platforms where, within the framework of an organised distribution network operating under a common brand, the provider of the intermediary service has a direct organisational, associative, cooperative or capital ownership link with the recipient of the service or where the intermediary service solely aims to intermediate content between the members of the organised distribution framework and their suppliers.

Or. en

Amendment 404

Dita Charanzová, Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Claudia Gamon, Svenja Hahn, Karen Melchior, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Liesje Schreinemacher

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 44

Text proposed by the Commission

(44) Recipients of the service should be able to easily and effectively contest certain decisions of online platforms that negatively affect them. Therefore, online platforms should be required to provide for internal complaint-handling systems, which meet certain conditions aimed at ensuring that the systems are easily accessible and lead to swift and fair outcomes. In addition, provision should be made for the possibility of out-of-court **dispute** settlement of disputes, including those that could not be resolved in satisfactory manner through the internal complaint-handling systems, by certified bodies that have the requisite independence, means and expertise to carry out their activities in a fair, swift and cost-effective manner. The possibilities to contest decisions of online platforms thus created should complement, yet leave unaffected in all respects, the possibility to seek judicial redress in accordance with the laws of the Member State concerned.

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Or. en

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Arba Kokalari, Pablo Arias Echeverría, Andreas Schwab, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Maria da Graça Carvalho, Tomislav Sokol, Ivan Štefanec, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Marion Walsmann, Andrea Caroppo, Barbara Thaler

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 44

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 406 Geert Bourgeois

Proposal for a regulation Recital 46

Text proposed by the Commission

(46) Action against illegal content can be taken more quickly and reliably where online platforms take the necessary measures to ensure that notices submitted by trusted flaggers through the notice and action mechanisms required by this Regulation are treated with priority, without prejudice to the requirement to process and decide upon all notices submitted under those mechanisms in a timely, diligent and objective manner. Such trusted flagger status should only be awarded to entities, and not individuals, that have demonstrated, among other things, that they have particular expertise and competence in tackling illegal

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content, that they represent collective interests and that they work in a diligent and objective manner. Such entities can be public in nature, such as, for terrorist content, internet referral units of national law enforcement authorities or of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation ('Europol') or they can be non-governmental organisations and semi-public bodies, such as the organisations part of the INHOPE network of hotlines for reporting child sexual abuse material and organisations committed to notifying illegal racist and xenophobic expressions online. For intellectual property rights, organisations of industry and of right-holders could be awarded trusted flagger status, where they have demonstrated that they meet the applicable conditions. The rules of this Regulation on trusted flaggers should not be understood to prevent online platforms from giving similar treatment to notices submitted by entities or individuals that have not been awarded trusted flagger status under this Regulation, from otherwise cooperating with other entities, in accordance with the applicable law, including this Regulation and Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴³.

⁴³ *Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53*

Or. nl

Amendment 407

Alessandra Basso, Marco Campomenosi, Antonio Maria Rinaldi, Isabella Tovaglieri,

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 46

Text proposed by the Commission

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(46) Action against illegal content can be taken more quickly and reliably where online platforms take the necessary measures to ensure that notices submitted by trusted flaggers through the notice and action mechanisms required by this Regulation are treated with priority, without prejudice to the requirement to process and decide upon all notices submitted under those mechanisms in a timely, diligent and objective manner. Such trusted flagger status should only be awarded to entities, and not individuals, that have demonstrated, among other things, that they have particular expertise and competence in tackling illegal content, that they represent collective interests and that they work in a diligent and objective manner. Such entities can be public in nature, such as, for terrorist content, internet referral units of national law enforcement authorities or of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation ('Europol') or they can be non-governmental organisations and semi-public bodies, such as the organisations part of the INHOPE network of hotlines for reporting child sexual abuse material and organisations committed to notifying illegal racist and xenophobic expressions online. For intellectual property rights, organisations of industry and of right-holders could be awarded trusted flagger status, where they have demonstrated that they meet the applicable conditions. The rules of this Regulation on trusted flaggers should not be understood to prevent online platforms from giving similar treatment to notices submitted by entities or individuals that have not been awarded trusted flagger status under this

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⁴³ *Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53*

Or. en

Amendment 408
Carlo Fidanza

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 46

Text proposed by the Commission

(46) Action against illegal **content** can be taken more quickly and reliably where online platforms take the necessary measures to ensure that notices submitted by **trusted flaggers through the notice and action mechanisms required by this Regulation** are **treated with priority, without prejudice to the requirement to process and decide upon all notices submitted under those mechanisms in a timely, diligent and objective manner. Such trusted flagger status should only be awarded to entities, and not individuals, that have demonstrated, among other things, that they have particular expertise and competence in tackling illegal content, that they represent collective interests and that they work in a diligent and objective manner. Such entities can be public in nature, such as, for terrorist**

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(46) Action against **content that is illegal under existing law** can be taken more quickly and reliably where online platforms take the necessary measures to ensure that notices submitted by the **national authorities responsible are followed up immediately**. Such **authorities must be solely** public in nature, such as, for terrorist content, internet referral units of national law enforcement authorities or of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (‘Europol’).

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Or. it

Amendment 409

Geoffroy Didier, Sabine Verheyen, Brice Hortefeux, Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé, Tomasz Frankowski

Proposal for a regulation Recital 46

(46) Action against illegal content can be taken more quickly and reliably where online platforms take the necessary measures to ensure that notices submitted by trusted flaggers through the notice and action mechanisms required by this Regulation are treated with priority, without prejudice to the requirement to process and decide upon all notices submitted under those mechanisms in a timely, diligent and objective manner. Such trusted flagger status should **only** be awarded to entities, **and not individuals**, that have demonstrated, among other things, that they have particular expertise and competence in tackling illegal content, that they represent collective interests and that they work in a diligent and objective manner. Such entities can be public in nature, such as, for terrorist content, internet referral units of national law enforcement authorities or of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation ('Europol') or they can be non-governmental organisations and semi-public bodies, such as the organisations part of the INHOPE network of hotlines for reporting child sexual abuse material and organisations committed to notifying illegal racist and xenophobic expressions online. For intellectual property rights, organisations of industry and of right-holders could be awarded trusted flagger status, where they have demonstrated that they meet the applicable conditions. The rules of this Regulation on trusted flaggers should not be understood to prevent online platforms from giving similar treatment to notices submitted by entities or individuals that have not been awarded trusted flagger status under this Regulation, from otherwise cooperating with other entities, in accordance with the applicable law, including this Regulation and Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council.⁴³

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conditions. *The same should be granted to applicants within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 608/2013 or in case of complaints pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 so as to ensure that existing rules regarding custom enforcement or consumer protection are effectively implemented to online sale.*

The rules of this Regulation on trusted flaggers should not be understood to prevent online platforms from giving similar treatment to notices submitted by entities or individuals that have not been awarded trusted flagger status under this Regulation, from otherwise cooperating with other entities, in accordance with the applicable law, including this Regulation and Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council.⁴³

⁴³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53

⁴³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53

Or. en

Amendment 410

Jiří Pospíšil

Proposal for a regulation

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Text proposed by the Commission

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Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53

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Or. en

Amendment 411
Clara Ponsatí Obiols

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 46

Text proposed by the Commission

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⁴³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53

⁴³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53

Or. en

Amendment 412

Dita Charanzová, Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Claudia Gamon, Morten Løkkegaard, Svenja Hahn, Karen Melchior, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Liesje Schreinemacher

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process and decide upon all notices submitted under those mechanisms in a timely, diligent and objective manner. Such trusted flagger status should only be awarded to entities, and not individuals, that have demonstrated, among other things, that they have particular expertise and competence in tackling illegal content, that they represent collective interests and that they work in a diligent and objective manner. Such entities can be public in nature, such as, for terrorist content, internet referral units of national law enforcement authorities or of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation ('Europol') or they can be non-governmental organisations and semi-public bodies, such as the organisations part of the INHOPE network of hotlines for reporting child sexual abuse material and organisations committed to notifying illegal racist and xenophobic expressions online. For intellectual property rights, organisations of industry and of right-holders could be awarded trusted flagger status, where they have demonstrated that they meet the applicable conditions. The rules of this Regulation on trusted flaggers should not be understood to prevent online platforms from giving similar treatment to notices submitted by entities or individuals that have not been awarded trusted flagger status under this Regulation, from otherwise cooperating with other entities, in accordance with the applicable law, including this Regulation and Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council.⁴³

⁴³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA,

process and decide upon all notices submitted under those mechanisms in a timely, diligent and objective manner. Such trusted flagger status should *normally* only be awarded to *non-governmental* entities, and not individuals, that have demonstrated, among other things, that they have particular expertise and competence in tackling illegal content, that they represent collective interests and that they work in a diligent and objective manner. Such entities, *however*, can be public in nature *for actions not related to intellectual property rights*, such as, for terrorist content, internet referral units of national law enforcement authorities or of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation ('Europol') or they can be non-governmental organisations and semi-public bodies, such as the organisations part of the INHOPE network of hotlines for reporting child sexual abuse material and organisations committed to notifying illegal racist and xenophobic expressions online. For intellectual property rights, *non-governmental* organisations of industry and of right-holders could be awarded trusted flagger status, where they have demonstrated that they meet the applicable conditions. The rules of this Regulation on trusted flaggers should not be understood to prevent online platforms from giving similar treatment to notices submitted by entities or individuals that have not been awarded trusted flagger status under this Regulation, from otherwise cooperating with other entities, in accordance with the applicable law, including this Regulation and Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council.⁴³

⁴³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA,

Amendment 413

Alexandra Geese, Rasmus Andresen, Kim Van Sparrentak
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 46

Text proposed by the Commission

(46) Action against illegal content can be taken more quickly and reliably where online platforms take the necessary measures to ensure that notices submitted by trusted flaggers through the notice and action mechanisms required by this Regulation are treated with priority, without prejudice to the requirement to process and decide upon all notices submitted under those mechanisms in a timely, diligent and objective manner. Such trusted flagger status should only be awarded to entities, and not individuals, that have demonstrated, among other things, that they have particular expertise and competence in tackling illegal content, that they represent collective interests and that they work in a diligent and objective manner. Such entities can be ***public in nature, such as, for terrorist content, internet referral units of national law enforcement authorities or of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation ('Europol') or they can be*** non-governmental organisations and semi-public bodies, such as the organisations part of the INHOPE network of hotlines for reporting child sexual abuse material and organisations committed to notifying illegal racist and xenophobic expressions online. For intellectual property rights, organisations of industry and of right-holders could be awarded trusted flagger status, where they

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have demonstrated that they meet the applicable conditions. The rules of this Regulation on trusted flaggers should not be understood to prevent online platforms from ***giving similar treatment to notices submitted by entities or individuals that have not been awarded trusted flagger status under this Regulation, from otherwise*** cooperating with other entities, in accordance with the applicable law, including this Regulation and Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council.⁴³

⁴³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53

limitations to intellectual property rights. The rules of this Regulation on trusted flaggers should not be understood to prevent online platforms from cooperating with other entities, in accordance with the applicable law, including this Regulation and Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council.⁴³

⁴³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53

Or. en

Justification

National and law enforcement authorities should not be awarded Trusted Flagger status since they have their own channels and should not have means to circumvent due process which they are required to follow to prosecute illegal online activity under the rule of law.

Amendment 414

Andrea Caroppo, Salvatore De Meo, Carlo Fidanza

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 46

Text proposed by the Commission

(46) Action against illegal content can be taken more quickly and reliably where online platforms take the necessary measures to ensure that notices submitted by trusted flaggers through the notice and action mechanisms required by this Regulation are treated with priority,

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without prejudice to the requirement to process and decide upon all notices submitted under those mechanisms in a timely, diligent and objective manner. Such trusted flagger status should only be awarded to entities, and not individuals, that have demonstrated, among other things, that they have particular expertise and competence in tackling illegal content, ***that they represent collective interests and that they work in a diligent and objective manner.*** Such entities can be public in nature, such as, for terrorist content, internet referral units of national law enforcement authorities or of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (‘Europol’) or they can be non-governmental organisations and semi-public bodies, such as the organisations part of the INHOPE network of hotlines for reporting child sexual abuse material and organisations committed to notifying illegal racist and xenophobic expressions online. For intellectual property rights, organisations of industry and of right-holders could be awarded trusted flagger status, where they have demonstrated that they meet the applicable conditions. The rules of this Regulation on trusted flaggers should not be understood to prevent online platforms from giving similar treatment to notices submitted by entities or individuals that have not been awarded trusted flagger status under this Regulation, from otherwise cooperating with other entities, in accordance with the applicable law, including this Regulation and Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council.⁴³

⁴³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing

without prejudice to the requirement to process and decide upon all notices submitted under those mechanisms in a timely, diligent and objective manner. Such trusted flagger status should only be awarded to entities, and not individuals, that have demonstrated, among other things, that they have particular expertise and competence in tackling illegal content, ***have significant legitimate interests, a proven record in flagging content with a high rate of accuracy and have demonstrated competence for the purposes of detecting, identifying and notifying illegal content.*** Such entities can be public in nature, such as, for terrorist content, internet referral units of national law enforcement authorities or of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (‘Europol’) or they can be non-governmental organisations and semi-public bodies, such as the organisations part of the INHOPE network of hotlines for reporting child sexual abuse material and organisations committed to notifying illegal racist and xenophobic expressions online. For intellectual property rights, organisations of industry and of right-holders could be awarded trusted flagger status, where they have demonstrated that they meet the applicable conditions. The rules of this Regulation on trusted flaggers should not be understood to prevent online platforms from giving similar treatment to notices submitted by entities or individuals that have not been awarded trusted flagger status under this Regulation, from otherwise cooperating with other entities, in accordance with the applicable law, including this Regulation and Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council.⁴³

⁴³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing

Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA,
2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA,
2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, OJ L
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Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA,
2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA,
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Or. en

Amendment 415

Brando Benifei, Monika Beňová, Maria Grapini

Proposal for a regulation

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Text proposed by the Commission

(46) Action against illegal content can be taken more quickly and reliably where online platforms take the necessary measures to ensure that notices submitted by trusted flaggers through the notice and action mechanisms required by this Regulation are treated with priority, without prejudice to the requirement to process and decide upon all notices submitted under those mechanisms in a timely, diligent and objective manner. Such trusted flagger status should only be awarded to entities, and not individuals, that have demonstrated, among other things, that they have particular expertise and competence in tackling illegal content, that they represent collective interests and that they work in a diligent and objective manner. Such entities can be public in nature, such as, for terrorist content, internet referral units of national law enforcement authorities or of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation ('Europol') or they can be non-governmental organisations and semi-public bodies, such as the organisations part of the INHOPE network of hotlines for reporting child sexual abuse material and organisations committed to notifying illegal racist and xenophobic expressions online. For intellectual property rights, organisations of industry and of right-holders could be awarded trusted flagger

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status, where they have demonstrated that they meet the applicable conditions. The rules of this Regulation on trusted flaggers should not be understood to prevent online platforms from giving similar treatment to notices submitted by entities or individuals that have not been awarded trusted flagger status under this Regulation, from otherwise cooperating with other entities, in accordance with the applicable law, including this Regulation and Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council.⁴³

⁴³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53

awarded trusted flagger status, where they have demonstrated that they meet the applicable conditions. The rules of this Regulation on trusted flaggers should not be understood to prevent online platforms from giving similar treatment to notices submitted by entities or individuals that have not been awarded trusted flagger status under this Regulation, from otherwise cooperating with other entities, in accordance with the applicable law, including this Regulation and Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council.⁴³

⁴³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53

Or. en

Amendment 416

Tomislav Sokol, Ivan Štefanec

Proposal for a regulation

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Text proposed by the Commission

(46) Action against illegal content can be taken more quickly and reliably where online platforms take the necessary measures to ensure that notices submitted by trusted flaggers through the notice and action mechanisms required by this Regulation are treated ***with priority***, without prejudice to the requirement to process and decide upon all notices submitted under those mechanisms in a timely, diligent and objective manner. Such trusted flagger status should only be

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(46) Action against illegal content can be taken more quickly and reliably where online platforms take the necessary measures to ensure that notices submitted by trusted flaggers through the notice and action mechanisms required by this Regulation are treated ***without delay and in accordance with the rules of the profession but*** without prejudice to the requirement to process and decide upon all notices submitted under those mechanisms in a timely, diligent and objective manner.

awarded to entities, and not individuals, that have demonstrated, among other things, that they have particular expertise and competence in tackling illegal content, that they represent collective interests and that they work in a diligent and objective manner. Such entities can be public in nature, such as, for terrorist content, internet referral units of national law enforcement authorities or of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation ('Europol') or they can be non-governmental organisations and semi-public bodies, such as the organisations part of the INHOPE network of hotlines for reporting child sexual abuse material and organisations committed to notifying illegal racist and xenophobic expressions online. For intellectual property rights, organisations of industry and of right-holders could be awarded trusted flagger status, where they have demonstrated that they meet the applicable conditions. The rules of this Regulation on trusted flaggers should not be understood to prevent online platforms from giving similar treatment to notices submitted by entities or individuals that have not been awarded trusted flagger status under this Regulation, from otherwise cooperating with other entities, in accordance with the applicable law, including this Regulation and Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council.⁴³

⁴³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53

Such trusted flagger status should only be awarded to entities, and not individuals, that have demonstrated, among other things, that they have particular expertise and competence in tackling illegal content, that they represent collective interests and that they work in a diligent and objective manner. Such entities can be public in nature, such as, for terrorist content, internet referral units of national law enforcement authorities or of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation ('Europol') or they can be non-governmental organisations and semi-public bodies, such as the organisations part of the INHOPE network of hotlines for reporting child sexual abuse material and organisations committed to notifying illegal racist and xenophobic expressions online. For intellectual property rights, organisations of industry and of right-holders could be awarded trusted flagger status, where they have demonstrated that they meet the applicable conditions. The rules of this Regulation on trusted flaggers should not be understood to prevent online platforms from giving similar treatment to notices submitted by entities or individuals that have not been awarded trusted flagger status under this Regulation, from otherwise cooperating with other entities, in accordance with the applicable law, including this Regulation and Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council.⁴³

⁴³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53

Or. en

Amendment 417

Arba Kokalari, Pablo Arias Echeverría, Andreas Schwab, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Tomislav Sokol, Ivan Štefanec, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Barbara Thaler

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 46

Text proposed by the Commission

(46) Action against illegal content can be taken more quickly and reliably where online platforms take the necessary measures to ensure that notices submitted by trusted flaggers through the notice and action mechanisms required by this Regulation are treated with priority, without prejudice to the requirement to process and decide upon all notices submitted under those mechanisms in a timely, diligent and objective manner. Such trusted flagger status should only be awarded to entities, and not individuals, that have demonstrated, among other things, that they have particular expertise and competence in tackling illegal content, ***that they represent collective interests*** and that they work in a diligent and objective manner. Such entities can be public in nature, such as, for terrorist content, internet referral units of national law enforcement authorities or of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (‘Europol’) or they can be non-governmental organisations and semi-public bodies, such as the organisations part of the INHOPE network of hotlines for reporting child sexual abuse material and organisations committed to notifying illegal racist and xenophobic ***expressions*** online. For intellectual property rights, organisations of industry and of right-holders could be awarded trusted flagger status, where they have demonstrated that they meet the applicable conditions. The rules of this Regulation on trusted flaggers should not be understood to prevent online platforms from giving similar treatment to notices submitted by entities or individuals that have not been awarded trusted flagger status under this Regulation, from

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(46) Action against illegal content can be taken more quickly and reliably where online platforms take the necessary measures to ensure that notices submitted by trusted flaggers through the notice and action mechanisms required by this Regulation are treated with priority, ***depending on the severity of the illegal activity***, without prejudice to the requirement to process and decide upon all notices submitted under those mechanisms in a timely, diligent and objective manner. Such trusted flagger status should only be awarded to entities, and not individuals, that have demonstrated, among other things, that they have particular expertise and competence in tackling illegal content and that they work in a diligent and objective manner. Such entities can be public in nature, such as, for terrorist content, internet referral units of national law enforcement authorities or of the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (‘Europol’) or they can be non-governmental organisations and ***private or*** semi-public bodies, such as the organisations part of the INHOPE network of hotlines for reporting child sexual abuse material and organisations committed to notifying illegal racist and xenophobic ***content*** online. For intellectual property rights, organisations of industry and of ***individual*** right-holders could be awarded trusted flagger status, where they have demonstrated that they meet the applicable conditions. The rules of this Regulation on trusted flaggers should not be understood to prevent online platforms from giving similar treatment to notices submitted by entities or individuals that have not been

otherwise cooperating with other entities, in accordance with the applicable law, including this Regulation and Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council.⁴³

awarded trusted flagger status under this Regulation, from otherwise cooperating with other entities, in accordance with the applicable law, including this Regulation and Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council.⁴³

⁴³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53

⁴³ Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA, OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53

Or. en

Amendment 418

Arba Kokalari, Andrey Kovatchev, Pablo Arias Echeverría, Andreas Schwab, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Maria da Graça Carvalho, Tomislav Sokol, Axel Voss, Ivan Štefanec, Barbara Thaler

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 47

Text proposed by the Commission

(47) The misuse of services of online platforms by frequently providing manifestly illegal content or by frequently submitting manifestly unfounded notices or complaints under the mechanisms and systems, respectively, established under this Regulation undermines trust and harms the rights and legitimate interests of the parties concerned. Therefore, there is a need to put in place appropriate and proportionate safeguards against such misuse. Information should be considered to be manifestly illegal content and notices or complaints should be considered manifestly unfounded where it is evident to a layperson, without any substantive analysis, that the content is illegal respectively that the notices or complaints

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(47) The misuse of services of online platforms by frequently providing manifestly illegal content or by frequently submitting manifestly unfounded notices or complaints under the mechanisms and systems, respectively, established under this Regulation undermines trust and harms the rights and legitimate interests of the parties concerned. Therefore, there is a need to put in place appropriate and proportionate safeguards against such misuse. Information should be considered to be manifestly illegal content and notices or complaints should be considered manifestly unfounded where it is evident to a layperson, without any substantive analysis, that the content is illegal respectively that the notices or complaints

are unfounded. Under certain conditions, online platforms should temporarily suspend their relevant activities in respect of the person engaged in abusive behaviour. This is without prejudice to the freedom by online platforms to determine their terms and conditions and establish stricter measures in the case of manifestly illegal content related to serious crimes. For reasons of transparency, this possibility should be set out, clearly and in sufficiently detail, in the terms and conditions of the online platforms. Redress should always be open to the decisions taken in this regard by online platforms and they should be subject to oversight by the competent Digital Services Coordinator. The rules of this Regulation on misuse should not prevent online platforms from taking other measures to address the provision of illegal content by recipients of their service or other misuse of their services, in accordance with the applicable Union and national law. Those rules are without prejudice to any possibility to hold the persons engaged in misuse liable, including for damages, provided for in Union or national law.

are unfounded. Under certain conditions, online platforms should temporarily suspend their relevant activities in respect of the person engaged in abusive behaviour. This is without prejudice to the freedom by online platforms to determine their terms and conditions and establish stricter measures in the case of manifestly illegal content related to serious crimes, ***with due regard to the rights and legitimate interests of all parties involved, including the applicable fundamental rights of the recipients of the service as enshrined in the Charter. Providers of hosting services could, as a voluntary measure, introduce own-investigation measures to prevent accounts which have previously been identified as illegal from reappearing once removed. The obligations related to notice and action should by no means impose general monitoring obligations.*** For reasons of transparency, this possibility should be set out, clearly and in sufficiently detail, in the terms and conditions of the online platforms. Redress should always be open to the decisions taken in this regard by online platforms and they should be subject to oversight by the competent Digital Services Coordinator. The rules of this Regulation on misuse should not prevent online platforms from taking other measures to address the provision of illegal content by recipients of their service or other misuse of their services, in accordance with the applicable Union and national law. Those rules are without prejudice to any possibility to hold the persons engaged in misuse liable, including for damages, provided for in Union or national law.

Or. en

Amendment 419
Geert Bourgeois

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 47

Text proposed by the Commission

(47) The misuse of services of online platforms by frequently providing manifestly illegal content or by frequently submitting manifestly unfounded notices or complaints under the mechanisms and systems, respectively, established under this Regulation undermines trust and harms the rights and legitimate interests of the parties concerned. Therefore, there is a need to put in place appropriate and proportionate safeguards against such misuse. Information should be considered to be manifestly illegal content and notices or complaints should be considered manifestly unfounded where it is evident to a layperson, without any substantive analysis, that the content is illegal respectively that the notices or complaints are unfounded. Under certain conditions, online platforms should temporarily suspend their relevant activities in respect of the person engaged in abusive behaviour. This is without prejudice to the freedom by online platforms to determine their terms and conditions and establish stricter measures in the case of manifestly illegal content related to serious crimes. For reasons of transparency, this possibility should be set out, clearly and in sufficiently detail, in the terms and conditions of the online platforms. Redress should always be open to the decisions taken in this regard by online platforms and they should be subject to oversight by the competent Digital Services Coordinator. The rules of this Regulation on misuse should not prevent online platforms from taking other measures to address the provision of illegal content by recipients of their service or other misuse of their services, in accordance with the applicable Union and national law. Those rules are without prejudice to any possibility to hold the persons engaged in misuse liable, including for damages, provided for in

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(47) The misuse of services of online platforms by frequently providing manifestly illegal content or by frequently submitting manifestly unfounded notices or complaints under the mechanisms and systems, respectively, established under this Regulation undermines trust and harms the rights and legitimate interests of the parties concerned. Therefore, there is a need to put in place appropriate and proportionate safeguards against such misuse. Information should be considered to be manifestly illegal content and notices or complaints should be considered manifestly unfounded where it is evident to a layperson, without any substantive analysis, that the content is illegal respectively that the notices or complaints are unfounded. Under certain conditions, online platforms should temporarily suspend their relevant activities in respect of the person engaged in abusive behaviour. ***They should make assessments on a case-by-case basis at all times, taking into account all relevant facts and circumstances. Very large online social platforms should take particular account, albeit not in every respect, of the universal service obligation that they have in principle. Notwithstanding the universal service obligation for very large online social platforms,*** this is without prejudice to the freedom by online platforms to determine their terms and conditions and establish stricter measures in the case of manifestly illegal content related to serious crimes. For reasons of transparency, this possibility should be set out, clearly and in sufficiently detail, in the terms and conditions of the online platforms. Redress should always be open to the decisions taken in this regard by online platforms and they should be subject to oversight by the competent Digital Services Coordinator. The rules of this Regulation on misuse

Union or national law.

should not prevent online platforms, ***within the limits of the rules established by this Regulation***, from taking other measures to address the provision of illegal content by recipients of their service or other misuse of their services, in accordance with the applicable Union and national law. Those rules are without prejudice to any possibility to hold the persons engaged in misuse liable, including for damages, provided for in Union or national law.

Or. nl

Amendment 420

Alessandra Basso, Marco Campomenosi, Antonio Maria Rinaldi, Isabella Tovaglieri, Markus Buchheit, Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron
on behalf of the ID Group

Proposal for a regulation Recital 47

Text proposed by the Commission

(47) The misuse of services of online platforms by frequently providing ***manifestly*** illegal content or by frequently submitting ***manifestly*** unfounded notices or complaints under the mechanisms and systems, respectively, established under this Regulation undermines trust and harms the rights and legitimate interests of the parties concerned. Therefore, there is a need to put in place appropriate and proportionate safeguards against such misuse. ***Information should be considered to be manifestly illegal content and notices or complaints should be considered manifestly unfounded where it is evident to a layperson, without any substantive analysis, that the content is illegal respectively that the notices or complaints are unfounded.*** Under certain conditions, online platforms should temporarily suspend their relevant activities in respect of the person engaged in abusive behaviour. This is without prejudice to the freedom by online

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platforms to determine their terms and conditions and establish stricter measures in the case of **manifestly** illegal content related to serious crimes. For reasons of transparency, this possibility should be set out, clearly and in sufficiently detail, in the terms and conditions of the online platforms. Redress should always be open to the decisions taken in this regard by online platforms and they should be subject to oversight by the competent Digital Services Coordinator. The rules of this Regulation on misuse should not prevent online platforms from taking other measures to address the provision of illegal content by recipients of their service or other misuse of their services, in accordance with the applicable Union and national law. Those rules are without prejudice to any possibility to hold the persons engaged in misuse liable, including for damages, provided for in Union or national law.

to the decisions taken in this regard by online platforms and they should be subject to oversight by the competent Digital Services Coordinator. The rules of this Regulation on misuse should not prevent online platforms from taking other measures to address the provision of illegal content by recipients of their service or other misuse of their services, in accordance with the applicable Union and national law. Those rules are without prejudice to any possibility to hold the persons engaged in misuse liable, including for damages, provided for in Union or national law.

Or. en

Amendment 421

Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 47

Text proposed by the Commission

(47) The misuse of services of online platforms by frequently providing manifestly illegal content or by frequently submitting manifestly **unfounded** notices or complaints under the mechanisms and systems, respectively, established under this Regulation undermines trust and harms the rights and legitimate interests of the parties concerned. Therefore, there is a need to put in place appropriate and proportionate safeguards against such misuse. Information should be considered to be **manifestly** illegal content and notices or complaints should be considered

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(47) The misuse of services of online platforms by frequently providing manifestly illegal content or by frequently submitting **illegal** notices or complaints under the mechanisms and systems, respectively, established under this Regulation undermines trust and harms the rights and legitimate interests of the parties concerned. Therefore, there is a need to put in place appropriate and proportionate safeguards against such misuse. Information should be considered to be illegal content **whenever it contravenes the law** and notices or complaints should be

manifestly unfounded where it is evident to a layperson, without any substantive analysis, that the content is illegal respectively that the notices or complaints are unfounded. Under certain conditions, online platforms should temporarily suspend their relevant activities in respect of the person engaged in abusive behaviour. ***This is without prejudice to the freedom by online platforms to determine their terms and conditions and establish stricter measures in the case of manifestly illegal content related to serious crimes. For reasons of transparency, this possibility should be set out, clearly and in sufficiently detail, in the terms and conditions of the online platforms.*** Redress should always be open to the decisions taken in this regard by online platforms and they should be subject to oversight by the competent Digital Services Coordinator. The rules of this Regulation on misuse should not prevent online platforms from taking other measures to address the provision of illegal content by recipients of their service or other misuse of their services, in accordance with the applicable Union and national law. Those rules are without prejudice to any possibility to hold the persons engaged in misuse liable, including for damages, provided for in Union or national law.

considered manifestly unfounded where it is evident to a layperson, without any substantive analysis, that the content is illegal respectively that the notices or complaints are unfounded. Under certain conditions, online platforms should temporarily suspend their relevant activities in respect of the person engaged in abusive behaviour. ***Where the platform decides to suspend accounts which concern matters of public interest, such as those belonging to political figures or candidates for election, it can act only on the basis of a preliminary court injunction.*** Redress should always be open to the decisions taken in this regard by online platforms and they should be subject to oversight by the competent Digital Services Coordinator. The rules of this Regulation on misuse should not prevent online platforms from taking other measures to address the provision of illegal content by recipients of their service or other misuse of their services, in accordance with the applicable Union and national law. Those rules are without prejudice to any possibility to hold the persons engaged in misuse liable, including for damages, provided for in Union or national law.

Or. fr

Amendment 422

Dita Charanzová, Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Claudia Gamon, Morten Løkkegaard, Svenja Hahn, Karen Melchior, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Liesje Schreinemacher

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 47

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 423

Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Valérie Hayer, Fabienne Keller, Christophe Grudler, Stéphane Séjourné, Marco Zullo, Karen Melchior, Laurence Farreng

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 47

Text proposed by the Commission

(47) The misuse of services of online platforms by frequently providing manifestly illegal content or by frequently submitting manifestly unfounded notices or complaints under the mechanisms and systems, respectively, established under this Regulation undermines trust and harms the rights and legitimate interests of the parties concerned. Therefore, there is a need to put in place appropriate **and** proportionate safeguards against such misuse. Information should be considered to be manifestly illegal content and notices or complaints should be considered manifestly unfounded where it is evident to a layperson, without any substantive analysis, that the content is illegal respectively that the notices or complaints are unfounded. Under certain conditions, online platforms should temporarily suspend their relevant activities in respect of the person engaged in abusive behaviour. This is without prejudice to the freedom by online platforms to determine their terms and conditions and establish stricter measures in the case of manifestly illegal content related to serious crimes. For reasons of transparency, this possibility should be set out, clearly and in sufficiently detail, in the terms and conditions of the online platforms. Redress should always be open to the decisions taken in this regard by online platforms and they should be subject to oversight by the competent Digital Services Coordinator. The rules of this Regulation on misuse should not prevent online platforms from taking other measures to address the provision of illegal content by recipients of their service or other misuse of their services, in accordance with the applicable

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accordance with the applicable Union and national law. Those rules are without prejudice to any possibility to hold the persons engaged in misuse liable, including for damages, provided for in Union or national law.

Or. en

Amendment 424

Geoffroy Didier, Sabine Verheyen, Brice Hortefeux, Nathalie Colin-Oesterlé, Tomasz Frankowski

Proposal for a regulation Recital 47

Text proposed by the Commission

(47) The misuse of services of online platforms by frequently providing ***manifestly*** illegal content or by frequently submitting manifestly unfounded notices or complaints under the mechanisms and systems, respectively, established under this Regulation undermines trust and harms the rights and legitimate interests of the parties concerned. Therefore, there is a need to put in place appropriate and proportionate safeguards against such misuse. Information should be considered to be ***manifestly*** illegal content and notices or complaints should be considered manifestly unfounded where it is evident to a layperson, without any substantive analysis, that the content is illegal respectively that the notices or complaints are unfounded. Under certain conditions, online platforms should temporarily suspend their relevant activities in respect of the person engaged in abusive behaviour. This is without prejudice to the freedom by online platforms to determine their terms and conditions and establish stricter measures in the case of ***manifestly*** illegal content related to serious crimes. For reasons of transparency, this possibility should be set out, clearly and in sufficiently detail, in the terms and

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(47) The misuse of services of online platforms by frequently providing ***or disseminating*** illegal content or by frequently submitting manifestly unfounded notices or complaints under the mechanisms and systems, respectively, established under this Regulation undermines trust and harms the rights and legitimate interests of the parties concerned. Therefore, there is a need to put in place appropriate and proportionate safeguards against such misuse. Information should be considered to be illegal content and notices or complaints should be considered manifestly unfounded where it is evident to a layperson, without any substantive analysis, that the content is illegal respectively that the notices or complaints are unfounded. Under certain conditions, online platforms should temporarily suspend their relevant activities in respect of the person engaged in abusive behaviour. This is without prejudice to the freedom by online platforms to determine their terms and conditions and establish stricter measures in the case of illegal content related to serious crimes. For reasons of transparency, this possibility should be set out, clearly and in sufficiently detail, in the

conditions of the online platforms. Redress should always be open to the decisions taken in this regard by online platforms and they should be subject to oversight by the competent Digital Services Coordinator. The rules of this Regulation on misuse should not prevent online platforms from taking other measures to address the provision of illegal content by recipients of their service or other misuse of their services, in accordance with the applicable Union and national law. Those rules are without prejudice to any possibility to hold the persons engaged in misuse liable, including for damages, provided for in Union or national law.

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Or. en

Amendment 425

Arba Kokalari, Pablo Arias Echeverría, Andreas Schwab, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Tomislav Sokol, Ivan Štefanec, Andrea Caroppo

Proposal for a regulation Recital 48

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(48) An online platform may in some instances become aware, such as through a notice by a notifying party or through its own voluntary measures, of information relating to certain activity of a recipient of the service, such as the provision of certain types of illegal content, that reasonably justify, having regard to all relevant circumstances of which the online platform is aware, the suspicion that the recipient may have committed, may be committing or is likely to commit a serious criminal offence involving a threat to the life or safety of person, such as offences specified in Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁴. In such instances, the online platform should inform without delay the competent law enforcement

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authorities of such suspicion, providing all relevant information available to it, including where relevant the content in question and an explanation of its suspicion. This Regulation does not provide the legal basis for profiling of recipients of the services with a view to the possible identification of criminal offences by online platforms. Online platforms should also respect other applicable rules of Union or national law for the protection of the rights and freedoms of individuals when informing law enforcement authorities.

⁴⁴ Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA (OJ L 335, 17.12.2011, p. 1).

Or. en

Justification

Moved to 42a.

Amendment 426

Dita Charanzová, Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Claudia Gamon, Morten Løkkegaard, Svenja Hahn, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Liesje Schreinemacher

Proposal for a regulation Recital 48

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justify, having regard to all relevant circumstances of which the online platform is aware, the suspicion that the recipient may have committed, may be committing or is likely to commit a serious criminal offence involving a ***an imminent*** threat to the life or safety of person, ***notably when it concerns vulnerable users***, such as offences specified in Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁴. In such instances, the online platform should inform without delay the competent law enforcement authorities of such suspicion, providing ***upon request*** all relevant information available to it, including where relevant the content in question and an explanation of its suspicion ***and unless instructed otherwise, should remove or disable the content***. This Regulation does not provide the legal basis for profiling of recipients of the services with a view to the possible identification of criminal offences by online platforms. Online platforms should also respect other applicable rules of Union or national law for the protection of the rights and freedoms of individuals when informing law enforcement authorities.

⁴⁴ Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA (OJ L 335, 17.12.2011, p. 1).

Or. en

Amendment 427

Alexandra Geese, Rasmus Andresen, Kim Van Sparrentak
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 48

(48) An online platform may in some instances become aware, such as through a notice by a notifying party or through its own voluntary measures, of information relating to certain activity of a recipient of the service, such as the provision of certain types of illegal content, that reasonably justify, having regard to all relevant circumstances of which the online platform is aware, the suspicion that the recipient may have committed, may be committing or is likely to commit a serious criminal offence involving a threat to the life or safety of person, such as offences specified in Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁴. In such instances, the online platform should inform without delay the competent law enforcement authorities of such suspicion, providing all relevant information available to it, including where relevant the content in question and an explanation of its suspicion. This Regulation does not provide the legal basis for profiling of recipients of the services with a view to the possible identification of criminal offences by online platforms. Online platforms should also respect other applicable rules of Union or national law for the protection of the rights and freedoms of individuals when informing law enforcement authorities.

⁴⁴ Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA (OJ L 335, 17.12.2011, p. 1).

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⁴⁴ Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA (OJ L 335, 17.12.2011, p. 1).

Justification

As recommended by the EDPS (opinion par. 61) it should be more clearly established that there is a necessity for keeping data security/privacy issues to a minimum, in line with Article 7 of the repealed Directive 2006/24.

Amendment 428 **Marion Walsmann**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 48**

Text proposed by the Commission

(48) An online platform may in some instances become aware, such as through a notice by a notifying party or through its own voluntary measures, of information relating to certain activity of a recipient of the service, such as the provision of certain types of illegal content, that reasonably justify, having regard to all relevant circumstances of which the online platform is aware, the suspicion that the recipient may have committed, may be committing or is likely to commit a *serious* criminal offence *involving a threat to the life or safety of person, such as offences specified in Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council*⁴⁴. In such instances, the online platform should inform without delay the competent law enforcement authorities of such suspicion, providing all relevant information available to it, including where relevant the content in question and an explanation of its suspicion. This Regulation does not provide the legal basis for profiling of recipients of the services with a view to the possible identification of criminal offences by online platforms. Online platforms should also respect other applicable rules of Union or national law for the protection of the rights and freedoms of individuals when informing law enforcement authorities.

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⁴⁴ *Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA (OJ L 335, 17.12.2011, p. 1).*

Or. en

Justification

Not only serious criminal offence, but also online fraud like unsafe products and counterfeit should be reported.

Amendment 429

Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Valérie Hayer, Fabienne Keller, Christophe Grudler, Stéphane Séjourné, Karen Melchior, Laurence Farreng, Marco Zullo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 48

Text proposed by the Commission

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suspicion. This Regulation does not provide the legal basis for profiling of recipients of the services with a view to the possible identification of criminal offences by online platforms. Online platforms should also respect other applicable rules of Union or national law for the protection of the rights and freedoms of individuals when informing law enforcement authorities.

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Or. en

Amendment 430

Karen Melchior

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 48

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 431
Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 48

Text proposed by the Commission

(48) An online platform may in some instances become aware, such as through a notice by a notifying party or through its own voluntary measures, of information relating to certain activity of a recipient of the service, such as the provision of certain types of illegal content, that reasonably justify, having regard to all relevant circumstances of which the online platform is aware, the suspicion that the recipient may have committed, may be committing or is likely to commit a serious criminal offence involving a threat to the life or

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(Does not affect the English version.)

safety of person, such as offences specified in Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁴. In such instances, the online platform should inform without delay the competent law enforcement authorities of such suspicion, providing all relevant information available to it, including where relevant the content in question and an explanation of its suspicion. This Regulation does not provide the legal basis for profiling of recipients of the services with a view to the possible identification of criminal offences by online platforms. Online platforms should also respect other applicable rules of Union or national law for the protection of the rights and freedoms of individuals when informing law enforcement authorities.

⁴⁴ Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on combating the sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children and child pornography, and replacing Council Framework Decision 2004/68/JHA (OJ L 335, 17.12.2011, p. 1).

Or. fr

Amendment 432

Alessandra Basso, Marco Campomenosi, Antonio Maria Rinaldi, Isabella Tovaglieri, Markus Buchheit, Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron
on behalf of the ID Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 48

Text proposed by the Commission

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justify, having regard to all relevant circumstances of which the online platform is aware, the suspicion that the recipient may have committed, may be committing or is likely to commit a serious criminal offence involving a threat to the life or safety of person, such as offences specified in Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁴. In such instances, the online platform should inform ***without delay*** the competent law enforcement authorities of such suspicion, providing all relevant information available to it, including where relevant the content in question and an explanation of its suspicion. This Regulation does not provide the legal basis for profiling of recipients of the services with a view to the possible identification of criminal offences by online platforms. Online platforms should also respect other applicable rules of Union or national law for the protection of the rights and freedoms of individuals when informing law enforcement authorities.

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justify, having regard to all relevant circumstances of which the online platform is aware, the suspicion that the recipient may have committed, may be committing or is likely to commit a serious criminal offence involving a threat to the life or safety of person, such as offences specified in Directive 2011/93/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁴. In such instances, the online platform should ***promptly*** inform the competent law enforcement authorities of such suspicion, providing all relevant information available to it, including where relevant the content in question and an explanation of its suspicion. This Regulation does not provide the legal basis for profiling of recipients of the services with a view to the possible identification of criminal offences by online platforms. Online platforms should also respect other applicable rules of Union or national law for the protection of the rights and freedoms of individuals when informing law enforcement authorities.

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Or. en

Amendment 433

Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Valérie Hayer, Fabienne Keller, Christophe Grudler, Stéphane Séjourné, Karen Melchior, Laurence Farreng

Proposal for a regulation Recital 48 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(48a) Where an online platform becomes aware of any information giving rise to a

suspicion that a serious criminal offence involving a threat to the life or safety of persons has taken place, is taking place or is likely to take place, it should remove or disable the content and promptly inform the law enforcement or judicial authorities of the Member State or Member States concerned of its suspicion and provide all available relevant information.

Or. en

Amendment 434

Geoffroy Didier, Sabine Verheyen, Brice Hortefeux, Tomasz Frankowski

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 49

Text proposed by the Commission

(49) In order to contribute to a safe, trustworthy and transparent online environment for consumers, as well as for other interested parties such as competing traders and holders of intellectual property rights, and to deter **traders from** selling products **or** services in violation of the applicable rules, online **platforms allowing consumers to conclude distance contracts with traders** should ensure that **such traders** are traceable. The **trader** should therefore be required to provide certain essential information to the online platform, including for purposes of promoting messages on or offering products. That requirement should also be applicable to **traders** that promote messages on products or services on behalf of brands, based on underlying agreements. **Those online platforms** should store all information in a secure manner for a reasonable period of time that does not exceed what is necessary, so that it can be accessed, in accordance with the applicable law, including on the protection of personal data, by public authorities and private parties with a legitimate interest, including

Amendment

(49) In order to contribute to a safe, trustworthy and transparent online environment for consumers **and other users**, as well as for other interested parties such as competing traders and holders of intellectual property rights, and to deter **the selling and dissemination of** products **and** services in violation of the applicable rules **all providers of intermediary services, including hosting providers, domain name registrars, providers of content delivery networks, proxy and reverse proxy providers, online marketplaces, online payment service providers and online advertising service providers** should ensure that **their business customers** are traceable. The **business customer** should therefore be required to provide certain essential information to the online platform **or provider of intermediary services**, including for purposes of promoting messages on or offering products. That requirement should also be applicable to **business customers** that promote messages on products or services on behalf of brands, based on underlying agreements. **Providers of intermediary services** should

through the orders to provide information referred to in this Regulation.

store all information in a secure manner for a reasonable period of time that does not exceed what is necessary, so that it can be accessed **and verified**, in accordance with the applicable law, including on the protection of personal data, by **the providers of intermediary services**, public authorities and private parties with a legitimate interest, including through the orders to provide information referred to in this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 435

Dita Charanzová, Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Claudia Gamon, Morten Løkkegaard, Svenja Hahn, Karen Melchior, Liesje Schreinemacher

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 49

Text proposed by the Commission

(49) In order to contribute to a safe, trustworthy and transparent online environment for consumers, as well as for other interested parties such as competing traders and holders of intellectual property rights, and to deter traders from selling products or services in violation of the applicable rules, online **platforms allowing consumers to conclude distance contracts with traders** should ensure that such traders are traceable. The trader should therefore be required to provide certain essential information to the online platform, including for purposes of promoting messages on or offering products. That requirement should also be applicable to traders that promote messages on products or services on behalf of brands, based on underlying agreements. Those online **platforms** should store all information in a secure manner for a reasonable period of time that does not exceed what is necessary, so that it can be accessed, in accordance with the applicable law, including on the protection of personal

Amendment

(49) In order to contribute to a safe, trustworthy and transparent online environment for consumers, as well as for other interested parties such as competing traders and holders of intellectual property rights, and to deter traders from selling products or services in violation of the applicable rules, online **marketplaces** should ensure that such traders are traceable. The trader should therefore be required to provide certain essential information to the online platform, including for purposes of promoting messages on or offering products. That requirement should also be applicable to traders that promote messages on products or services on behalf of brands, based on underlying agreements. Those online **marketplaces** should store all information in a secure manner for a reasonable period of time that does not exceed what is necessary **and no longer than six months after the end of a relationship with the trader**, so that it can be accessed, in accordance with the applicable law,

data, by public authorities and private parties with a legitimate interest, including through the orders to provide information referred to in this Regulation.

including on the protection of personal data, by public authorities and private parties with a legitimate **direct** interest, including through the orders to provide information referred to in this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 436
Marion Walsmann

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 49

Text proposed by the Commission

(49) In order to contribute to a safe, trustworthy and transparent online environment for consumers, as well as for other interested parties such as competing traders and holders of intellectual property rights, and to deter traders from selling products or services in violation of the applicable rules, online **platforms allowing consumers to conclude distance contracts with traders** should ensure that such traders are traceable. The trader should therefore be required to provide certain essential information to the online **platform**, including for purposes of promoting messages on or offering products. That requirement should also be applicable to traders that promote messages on products or services on behalf of brands, based on underlying agreements. Those online platforms should store all information in a secure manner for a reasonable period of time that does not exceed what is necessary, so that it can be accessed, in accordance with the applicable law, including on the protection of personal data, by public authorities and private parties with a legitimate interest, including through the orders to provide information referred to in this Regulation.

Amendment

(49) In order to contribute to a safe, trustworthy and transparent online environment for consumers, as well as for other interested parties such as competing traders and holders of intellectual property rights, and to deter traders from selling products or services in violation of the applicable rules, online **marketplaces** should ensure that such traders are traceable. The trader should therefore be required to provide certain essential information to the online **marketplace**, including for purposes of promoting messages on **products** or offering products. That requirement should also be applicable to traders that promote messages on products or services on behalf of brands, based on underlying agreements. Those online platforms should store all information in a secure manner for a reasonable period of time that does not exceed what is necessary, so that it can be accessed, in accordance with the applicable law, including on the protection of personal data, by public authorities and private parties with a legitimate interest, including through the orders to provide information referred to in this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 437

Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Valérie Hayer, Fabienne Keller, Christophe Grudler, Stéphane Séjourné, Karen Melchior, Laurence Farreng

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 49

Text proposed by the Commission

(49) In order to contribute to a safe, trustworthy and transparent online environment for consumers, as well as for other interested parties such as competing traders and holders of intellectual property rights, and to deter traders from selling products or services in violation of the applicable rules, online ***platforms allowing consumers to conclude distance contracts with traders*** should ensure that such traders are traceable. The trader should therefore be required to provide certain essential information to the online ***platform***, including for purposes of promoting messages on or offering products. That requirement should also be applicable to traders that promote messages on products or services on behalf of brands, based on underlying agreements. Those online platforms should store all information in a secure manner for a reasonable period of time that does not exceed what is necessary, so that it can be accessed, in accordance with the applicable law, including on the protection of personal data, by public authorities and private parties with a legitimate interest, including through the orders to provide information referred to in this Regulation.

Amendment

(49) In order to contribute to a safe, trustworthy and transparent online environment for consumers, as well as for other interested parties such as competing traders and holders of intellectual property rights, and to deter traders from selling products or services in violation of the applicable rules, online ***marketplaces*** should ensure that such traders are traceable. The trader should therefore be required to provide certain essential information to the ***providers of*** online ***marketplaces***, including for purposes of promoting messages on or offering products. That requirement should also be applicable to traders that promote messages on products or services on behalf of brands, based on underlying agreements. Those online platforms should store all information in a secure manner for a reasonable period of time that does not exceed what is necessary, so that it can be accessed, in accordance with the applicable law, including on the protection of personal data, by public authorities and private parties with a legitimate interest, including through the orders to provide information referred to in this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 438

Maria da Graça Carvalho

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 49

Text proposed by the Commission

(49) In order to contribute to a safe, trustworthy and transparent online environment for consumers, as well as for other interested parties such as competing traders and holders of intellectual property rights, and to deter traders from selling products or services in violation of the applicable rules, online platforms allowing consumers to conclude distance contracts with traders should ensure that such traders are traceable. The trader should therefore be required to provide certain essential information to the online platform, including for purposes of promoting messages on or offering products. That requirement should also be applicable to traders that promote messages on products or services on behalf of brands, based on underlying agreements. Those online platforms should store all information in a secure manner for a reasonable period of time *that does not exceed what is necessary*, so that it can be accessed, in accordance with the applicable law, including on the protection of personal data, by public authorities and private parties with a legitimate interest, including through the orders to provide information referred to in this Regulation.

Amendment

(49) In order to contribute to a safe, trustworthy and transparent online environment for consumers, as well as for other interested parties such as competing traders and holders of intellectual property rights, and to deter traders from selling products or services in violation of the applicable rules, online platforms allowing consumers to conclude distance contracts with traders should ensure that such traders are traceable. The trader should therefore be required to provide certain essential information to the online platform, including for purposes of promoting messages on or offering products. That requirement should also be applicable to traders that promote messages on products or services on behalf of brands, based on underlying agreements. Those online platforms should store all information in a secure manner for a reasonable period of time, so that it can be accessed, in accordance with the applicable law, including on the protection of personal data, by public authorities and private parties with a legitimate interest, including through the orders to provide information referred to in this Regulation.

Or. pt

Amendment 439

Alexandra Geese, Rasmus Andresen, Kim Van Sparrentak
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 49 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(49a) In order to contribute to a transparent online environment for consumers that supports the green transition, online platforms that allow

consumers to conclude distant contracts with traders should provide consumers in real time with clear and unambiguous information on the environmental impact of its products and services, such as the use of sustainable and efficient delivery methods, sustainable and ecological packaging, as well as the environmental costs of returning goods in the event of withdrawal.

Or. en

Amendment 440
Marco Zullo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 49 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(49a) It is necessary to combat forms of misleading communication, to ensure a safe and transparent online environment capable of instilling trust in the user. In this regard, the recipient of the service must be able to access the timeline and check for any change to the content with which the user interacts, in particular posts, comments, descriptions or prices of a product.

Or. en

Justification

Being able to know how a content has changed over time can help to: (a) limit the spread of fake news that use the technique of attracting consensus on a real-content and then change it to fake-content when the rating has grown ; (b) limit misleading communications about products sold on online platforms by increasing the price compared to the real one only to bring up a higher discount percentage for the sale at a given time.

Amendment 441
Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Valérie Hayer, Fabienne Keller, Christophe Grudler, Stéphane Séjourné, Karen Melchior, Laurence Farreng, Marco Zullo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 50

Text proposed by the Commission

(50) To ensure an efficient and adequate application of that obligation, without imposing any disproportionate burdens, the online **platforms** covered should make reasonable efforts to verify the reliability of the information provided by the traders concerned, in particular by using freely available official online databases and online interfaces, such as national trade registers and the VAT Information Exchange System⁴⁵, or by requesting the traders concerned to provide trustworthy supporting documents, such as copies of identity documents, certified bank statements, company certificates and trade register certificates. They may also use other sources, available for use at a distance, which offer a similar degree of reliability for the purpose of complying with this obligation. However, the online **platforms** covered should not be required to engage in excessive or costly online fact-finding exercises or to carry out verifications on the spot. Nor should such **online platforms**, which have made the reasonable efforts required by this Regulation, be understood as guaranteeing the reliability of the information towards consumer or other interested parties. **Such** online **platforms** should also design and organise their online interface in a way that enables traders to comply with their obligations under Union law, in particular the requirements set out in Articles 6 and 8 of Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁶, Article 7 of Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁷ and Article 3 of Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁸.

Amendment

(50) To ensure an efficient and adequate application of that obligation, without imposing any disproportionate burdens, the **providers of** online **marketplaces** covered should make reasonable efforts to verify the reliability of the information provided by the traders concerned, in particular by using freely available official online databases and online interfaces, such as national trade registers and the VAT Information Exchange System⁴⁵, or by requesting the traders concerned to provide trustworthy supporting documents, such as copies of identity documents, certified bank statements, company certificates and trade register certificates. They may also use other sources, available for use at a distance, which offer a similar degree of reliability for the purpose of complying with this obligation. However, the **providers of** online **marketplaces** covered should not be required to engage in excessive or costly online fact-finding exercises or to carry out verifications on the spot. Nor should such **providers**, which have made the reasonable efforts required by this Regulation, be understood as guaranteeing the reliability of the information towards consumer or other interested parties. **Providers of** online **marketplaces** should also design and organise their online interface in a **user-friendly** way that enables traders to comply with their obligations under Union law, in particular the requirements set out in Articles 6 and 8 of Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁶, Article 7 of Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁷ and Article 3 of Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁸. **The online interface should allow traders to provide the information referred to in Article 22a of this Regulation, the**

information referred to in Article 6 of Directive 2011/83/EU on Consumers Rights, information on sustainability of products, and information allowing for the unequivocal identification of the product or the service, including labelling requirements, in compliance with legislation on product safety and product compliance.

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⁴⁶ Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on consumer rights, amending Council Directive 93/13/EEC and Directive 1999/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 85/577/EEC and Directive 97/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

⁴⁷ Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2005 concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market and amending Council Directive 84/450/EEC, Directives 97/7/EC, 98/27/EC and 2002/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ('Unfair Commercial Practices Directive')

⁴⁸ Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers

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⁴⁶ Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on consumer rights, amending Council Directive 93/13/EEC and Directive 1999/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 85/577/EEC and Directive 97/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

⁴⁷ Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2005 concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market and amending Council Directive 84/450/EEC, Directives 97/7/EC, 98/27/EC and 2002/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ('Unfair Commercial Practices Directive')

⁴⁸ Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers

Or. en

Amendment 442

Alessandra Basso, Marco Campomenosi, Antonio Maria Rinaldi, Isabella Tovaglieri, Markus Buchheit, Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron
on behalf of the ID Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 50

Text proposed by the Commission

(50) To ensure an efficient and adequate application of that obligation, without imposing any disproportionate burdens, the online platforms covered should make reasonable efforts to verify the reliability of the information provided by the traders concerned, in particular by using freely available official online databases and online interfaces, such as national trade registers and the VAT Information Exchange System⁴⁵, or by requesting the traders concerned to provide trustworthy supporting documents, such as copies of identity documents, certified bank statements, company certificates and trade register certificates. They may also use other sources, available for use at a distance, which offer a similar degree of reliability for the purpose of complying with this obligation. **However, the online platforms covered should not be required to engage in excessive or costly online fact-finding exercises or to carry out verifications on the spot. Nor should such online platforms, which have made the reasonable efforts required by this Regulation, be understood as guaranteeing the reliability of the information towards consumer or other interested parties. Such online platforms should also design and organise their online interface in a way that enables traders to comply with their obligations under Union law, in particular the requirements set out in Articles 6 and 8 of Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁶, Article 7 of Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁷ and Article 3 of Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁸.**

Amendment

(50) To ensure an efficient and adequate application of that obligation, without imposing any disproportionate burdens, the online platforms covered should make reasonable efforts to verify the reliability of the information provided by the traders concerned, in particular by using freely available official online databases and online interfaces, such as national trade registers and the VAT Information Exchange System⁴⁵, or by requesting the traders concerned to provide trustworthy supporting documents, such as copies of identity documents, certified bank statements, company certificates and trade register certificates. They may also use other sources, available for use at a distance, which offer a similar degree of reliability for the purpose of complying with this obligation. **Online Platforms may also ask for support from the Digital Services Coordinator in carrying out these specific obligations. If the trader is established outside the Union and does not cooperate or does not provide sufficient information for the verification of its compliance with the relevant Union or Member State law, this trader should not be admitted to operate and sell its products on the platform. If the trader is already on the platform and should not meet the above criteria, the platform should suspend that trader's account. The trader should be granted the possibility of redress in the event of suspension of the business account.** Online platforms should also design and organise their online interface in a way that enables traders to comply with their obligations under Union law, in particular the requirements set out in Articles 6 and 8 of Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁶, Article 7 of Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament

and of the Council⁴⁷ and Article 3 of Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁸ .

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⁴⁶ Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on consumer rights, amending Council Directive 93/13/EEC and Directive 1999/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 85/577/EEC and Directive 97/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

⁴⁷ Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2005 concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market and amending Council Directive 84/450/EEC, Directives 97/7/EC, 98/27/EC and 2002/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ('Unfair Commercial Practices Directive')

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⁴⁶ Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on consumer rights, amending Council Directive 93/13/EEC and Directive 1999/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 85/577/EEC and Directive 97/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

⁴⁷ Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2005 concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market and amending Council Directive 84/450/EEC, Directives 97/7/EC, 98/27/EC and 2002/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ('Unfair Commercial Practices Directive')

⁴⁸ Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers

Or. en

Amendment 443 **Marion Walsmann**

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 50**

Text proposed by the Commission

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online **platforms covered** should make reasonable efforts to verify the reliability of the information provided by the traders concerned, in particular by using freely available official online databases and online interfaces, such as national trade registers and the VAT Information Exchange System⁴⁵, or by requesting the traders concerned to provide trustworthy supporting documents, such as copies of identity documents, certified bank statements, company certificates and trade register certificates. They may also use other sources, available for use at a distance, which offer a similar degree of reliability for the purpose of complying with this obligation. However, the online **platforms covered** should not be required to engage in excessive or costly online fact-finding exercises or to carry out verifications on the spot. Nor should such online **platforms**, which have made the reasonable efforts required by this Regulation, be understood as guaranteeing the reliability of the information towards consumer or other interested parties. Such online **platforms** should also design and organise their online interface in a way that enables traders to comply with their obligations under Union law, in particular the requirements set out in Articles 6 and 8 of Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁶, Article 7 of Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁷ and Article 3 of Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁸.

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⁴⁶ Directive 2011/83/EU of the European

online **marketplaces** should make reasonable efforts to verify the reliability of the information provided by the traders concerned, in particular by using freely available official online databases and online interfaces, such as national trade registers and the VAT Information Exchange System⁴⁵, or by requesting the traders concerned to provide trustworthy supporting documents, such as copies of identity documents, certified bank statements, company certificates and trade register certificates. They may also use other sources, available for use at a distance, which offer a similar degree of reliability for the purpose of complying with this obligation. **Additionally this information provided by the trader should be sufficiently specific and supported, where possible, by relevant elements, such as earlier checks by the trader that the products to be sold comply with product safety rules.** However, the online **marketplaces** should not be required to engage in excessive or costly online fact-finding exercises or to carry out verifications on the spot. Nor should such online **marketplaces**, which have made the reasonable efforts required by this Regulation, be understood as guaranteeing the reliability of the information towards consumer or other interested parties. Such online **marketplaces** should also design and organise their online interface in a way that enables traders to comply with their obligations under Union law, in particular the requirements set out in Articles 6 and 8 of Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁶, Article 7 of Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁷ and Article 3 of Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁸.

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⁴⁶ Directive 2011/83/EU of the European

Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on consumer rights, amending Council Directive 93/13/EEC and Directive 1999/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 85/577/EEC and Directive 97/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

⁴⁷ Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2005 concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market and amending Council Directive 84/450/EEC, Directives 97/7/EC, 98/27/EC and 2002/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ('Unfair Commercial Practices Directive')

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⁴⁸ Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers

Or. en

Amendment 444

Geoffroy Didier, Sabine Verheyen, Brice Hortefeux, Tomasz Frankowski

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 50

Text proposed by the Commission

(50) To ensure an efficient and adequate application of that obligation, without imposing any disproportionate burdens, the **online platforms covered** should make reasonable efforts to verify the reliability of the information provided by **the traders concerned**, in particular by using freely available official online databases and online interfaces, such as national trade registers and the VAT Information **Exchange System**⁴⁵, or by requesting **the traders concerned** to provide trustworthy

Amendment

(50) To ensure an efficient and adequate application of that obligation, without imposing any disproportionate burdens, the **providers of intermediary services** should make reasonable efforts to verify the reliability of the information provided by **their business customers**, in particular by using freely available official online databases and online interfaces, such as national trade registers and the VAT Information **Exchange System**⁴⁵, or by requesting **their business customers** to

supporting documents, such as copies of identity documents, certified bank statements, company certificates and trade register certificates. They may also use other sources, available for use at a distance, which offer a similar degree of reliability for the purpose of complying with this obligation. However, the **online platforms covered** should not be required to engage in excessive or costly online fact-finding exercises or to carry out verifications on the spot. Nor should such **online platforms**, which have made the reasonable efforts required by this Regulation, be understood as guaranteeing the reliability of the information towards consumer or other interested parties. Such **online platforms** should also design and organise their online interface in a way that enables **traders** to comply with their obligations under Union law, in particular the requirements set out in Articles 6 and 8 of Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁶, Article 7 of **Directive 2005/29/EC** of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁷ and Article 3 of Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁸.

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⁴⁶ Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on consumer rights, amending Council Directive 93/13/EEC and Directive 1999/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 85/577/EEC and Directive 97/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

⁴⁷ Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May

provide trustworthy supporting documents, such as copies of identity documents, certified bank statements, company certificates and trade register certificates. They may also use other sources, available for use at a distance, which offer a similar degree of reliability for the purpose of complying with this obligation. However, the **providers of intermediary services** should not be required to engage in excessive or costly online fact-finding exercises or to carry out verifications on the spot. Nor should such **providers of intermediary services**, which have made the reasonable efforts required by this Regulation, be understood as guaranteeing the reliability **and accuracy** of the information towards consumer or other interested parties. Such **providers of intermediary services** should **update the information they hold on a risk-sensitive basis, and at least once a year** and also design and organise their online interface in a way that enables **their business customers** to comply with their obligations under Union law, in particular the requirements set out in Articles 6 and 8 of Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁶, Article 7 of **Directive 2005/29/EC** of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁷ and Article 3 of Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁸.

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⁴⁶ Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on consumer rights, amending Council Directive 93/13/EEC and Directive 1999/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 85/577/EEC and Directive 97/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

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2005 concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market and amending Council Directive 84/450/EEC, Directives 97/7/EC, 98/27/EC and 2002/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ('Unfair Commercial Practices Directive')

⁴⁸ Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers

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⁴⁸ Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers

Or. en

Amendment 445

Arba Kokalari, Andreas Schwab, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Maria da Graça Carvalho, Tomislav Sokol, Axel Voss, Ivan Štefanec, Pilar del Castillo Vera

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 50

Text proposed by the Commission

(50) To ensure an efficient and adequate application of that obligation, without imposing any disproportionate burdens, the online platforms covered should make reasonable efforts to verify the reliability of the information provided by the traders concerned, in particular by using freely available official online databases and online interfaces, such as national trade registers and the VAT Information Exchange System⁴⁵, or by requesting the traders concerned to provide trustworthy supporting documents, such as copies of identity documents, certified bank statements, company certificates and trade register certificates. They may also use other sources, available for use at a distance, which offer a similar degree of reliability for the purpose of complying with this obligation. However, the online platforms covered should not be required

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(50) To ensure an efficient and adequate application of that obligation, without imposing any disproportionate burdens, the online platforms covered should make reasonable efforts to verify the reliability of the information provided by the traders concerned, in particular by using freely available official online databases and online interfaces, such as national trade registers and the VAT Information Exchange System⁴⁵ **and the Union Rapid Alert System for dangerous non-food products (Rapex)** or by requesting the traders concerned to provide trustworthy supporting documents, such as copies of identity documents, certified bank statements, company certificates and trade register certificates. They may also use other sources, available for use at a distance, which offer a similar degree of reliability for the purpose of complying

to engage in excessive or costly online fact-finding exercises or to carry out verifications on the spot. Nor should such online platforms, which have made the reasonable efforts required by this Regulation, be understood as guaranteeing the reliability of the information towards consumer or other interested parties. Such online platforms should also design and organise their online interface in a way that enables traders to comply with their obligations under Union law, in particular the requirements set out in Articles 6 and 8 of Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁶, Article 7 of Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁷ and Article 3 of Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁸.

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⁴⁶ Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on consumer rights, amending Council Directive 93/13/EEC and Directive 1999/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Directive 85/577/EEC and Directive 97/7/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

⁴⁷ Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2005 concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market and amending Council Directive 84/450/EEC, Directives 97/7/EC, 98/27/EC and 2002/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ('Unfair Commercial Practices Directive')

⁴⁸ Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 on consumer protection in

with this obligation. However, the online platforms covered should not be required to engage in excessive or costly online fact-finding exercises or to carry out verifications on the spot. Nor should such online platforms, which have made the reasonable efforts required by this Regulation, be understood as guaranteeing the reliability of the information towards consumer or other interested parties. Such online platforms should also design and organise their online interface in a way that enables traders to comply with their obligations under Union law, in particular the requirements set out in Articles 6 and 8 of Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁶, Article 7 of Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁷ and Article 3 of Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁸.

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offered to consumers

the indication of the prices of products
offered to consumers

Or. en

Amendment 446

Dita Charanzová, Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Claudia Gamon, Morten Løkkegaard, Svenja Hahn, Karen Melchior, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Liesje Schreinemacher

Proposal for a regulation Recital 50

Text proposed by the Commission

(50) To ensure an efficient and adequate application of that obligation, without imposing any disproportionate burdens, the online **platforms** covered should make reasonable efforts to verify the reliability of the information provided by the traders concerned, in particular by using freely available official online databases and online interfaces, such as national trade registers and the VAT Information Exchange System⁴⁵, or by requesting the traders concerned to provide trustworthy supporting documents, such as copies of identity documents, certified bank statements, company certificates and trade register certificates. They may also use other sources, available for use at a distance, which offer a similar degree of reliability for the purpose of complying with this obligation. However, the online **platforms** covered should not be required to engage in excessive or costly online fact-finding exercises or to carry out verifications on the spot. Nor should such online **platforms**, which have made **the reasonable** efforts required by this Regulation, be understood as guaranteeing the reliability of the information towards consumer or other interested parties. Such online **platforms** should also design and organise their online interface in **a** way that enables traders to comply with their obligations under Union law, in particular

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(50) To ensure an efficient and adequate application of that obligation, without imposing any disproportionate burdens, the online **marketplaces** covered should make reasonable efforts to verify the reliability of the information provided by the traders concerned, in particular by using freely available official online databases and online interfaces, such as national trade registers and the VAT Information Exchange System⁴⁵, or by requesting the traders concerned to provide trustworthy supporting documents, such as copies of identity documents, certified bank statements, company certificates and trade register certificates. They may also use other sources, available for use at a distance, which offer a similar degree of reliability for the purpose of complying with this obligation. However, the online **marketplaces** covered should not be required to engage in excessive or costly online fact-finding exercises or to carry out verifications on the spot. Nor should such online **marketplaces**, which have made efforts **to the best of their ability as** required by this Regulation, be understood as guaranteeing the reliability of the information towards consumer or other interested parties. Such online **marketplaces** should also design and organise their online interface in **an user-friendly** way that enables traders to comply

the requirements set out in Articles 6 and 8 of Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁶, Article 7 of Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁷ and Article 3 of Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁸.

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⁴⁸ Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers

with their obligations under Union law, in particular the requirements set out in Articles 6 and 8 of Directive 2011/83/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁶, Article 7 of Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁷ and Article 3 of Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁴⁸.

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⁴⁷ Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2005 concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market and amending Council Directive 84/450/EEC, Directives 97/7/EC, 98/27/EC and 2002/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council ('Unfair Commercial Practices Directive')

⁴⁸ Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 February 1998 on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers

Or. en

Amendment 447

Evelyn Gebhardt, Andreas Schieder, Sylvie Guillaume, Marc Angel, Christel Schaldemose, Maria Grapini, Petra Kammerevert, Biljana Borzan, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques, Brando Benifei, Monika Beňová

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 50 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(50a) After having obtained the necessary contact information of a trader, which are aimed at ensuring consumer rights, a provider of intermediary services needs to verify that these details are consistently being updated and accessible for consumers. Therefore, it shall conduct regular and randomized checks on the information provided by the traders on its platform. To ensure a consistent display of these contact information, intermediary services should establish mandatory designs for the inclusion of these contact information. A content, good or service shall only be displayed after all necessary information are made available by the business user.

Or. en

Justification

The author supports the rapporteurs Amendments 27, 89 & 90, which have included new provisions on the traceability of business customers. However, the author would like to add this recital in line with the changes added in Art. 13a.

Amendment 448

Dita Charanzová, Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Claudia Gamon, Morten Løkkegaard, Marco Zullo, Svenja Hahn, Karen Melchior, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Liesje Schreinemacher

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 50 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(50a) The online interface of online marketplace should allow traders to provide the information referred to in Article 22a of this Regulation and any other information where needed and necessary to allow for the unequivocal

identification of the product or the service, including labelling requirements, in compliance with legislation on product safety and product compliance. Providers of online marketplaces, when they become aware that a product or services is illegal, should inform recipients who have acquired the product or services through their marketplace of this fact and any possible redress.

Or. en

Amendment 449

Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Valérie Hayer, Fabienne Keller, Christophe Grudler, Stéphane Séjourné, Karen Melchior, Laurence Farreng

**Proposal for a regulation
Recital 50 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(50a) Providers of online marketplaces should demonstrate their best efforts to prevent the dissemination by traders of illegal products and services. In compliance with the no general monitoring principle, providers should inform recipients when the service or product they have acquired through their services is illegal. Once notified of an illegal product or service as foreseen in Article 14, providers of online marketplaces should take effective and proportionate measures to prevent such products or services from reappearing on their online marketplace.

Or. en

Amendment 450

Alexandra Geese, Rasmus Andresen, Kim Van Sparrentak
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

**Proposal for a regulation
Recital 50 a (new)**

(50a) In the light of effective enforcement of local rules to combat long-term rental housing shortages and to limit short-term holiday rentals, as was justified in the Cali Apartments case (cases C-724/18 and C-727/18), all natural or legal persons renting out short-term holiday rentals shall be subject to the obligations under Article 22 of this Regulation.

Or. en

Amendment 451

Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 51

(51) In view of the particular responsibilities and obligations of online platforms, they should be made subject to transparency reporting obligations, which apply in addition to the transparency reporting obligations applicable to all providers of intermediary services under this Regulation. For the purposes of determining whether online platforms may be very large online platforms that are subject to certain additional obligations under this Regulation, the transparency reporting obligations for online platforms should include certain obligations relating to the publication and communication of information on the average monthly active recipients of the service in the Union.

(51) In view of the particular responsibilities and obligations of online platforms, they should be made subject to transparency reporting obligations, which apply in addition to the transparency reporting obligations applicable to all providers of intermediary services under this Regulation. For the purposes of determining whether online platforms may be very large online platforms that are subject to certain additional obligations under this Regulation, the transparency reporting obligations for online platforms should include certain obligations relating to the publication and communication of information on the average monthly active recipients of the service in the Union ***under the supervision of the Commission.***

Or. fr

Amendment 452

Adam Bielan, Kosma Złotowski, Eugen Jurzyca, Beata Mazurek

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 51

Text proposed by the Commission

(51) In view of the particular responsibilities and obligations of online platforms, they should be made subject to transparency reporting obligations, which apply in addition to the transparency reporting obligations applicable to all providers of intermediary services under this Regulation. For the purposes of determining whether online platforms may be very large online platforms that are subject to certain additional obligations under this Regulation, the transparency reporting obligations for online platforms should include certain obligations relating to the publication and communication of information on the average monthly active *recipients* of the service in the Union.

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Or. en

Amendment 453

Alexandra Geese, Rasmus Andresen, Kim Van Sparrentak
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 52

Text proposed by the Commission

(52) Online advertisement plays an important role in the online environment, including in relation to the provision of the services of online platforms. However, online advertisement can contribute to significant risks, ranging from advertisement that is itself illegal content, to contributing to financial incentives for the publication or amplification of illegal or otherwise harmful content and activities online, or the discriminatory

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display of advertising with an impact on the equal treatment and opportunities of citizens. In addition to the requirements resulting from Article 6 of Directive 2000/31/EC, online platforms should therefore be required to ensure that the recipients of the service have certain individualised information necessary for them to understand when and on whose behalf the advertisement is displayed. In addition, recipients of the service should have information on the main parameters used for determining that specific advertising is to be displayed to them, providing meaningful explanations of the logic used to that end, including when this is based on profiling. The requirements of this Regulation on the provision of information relating to advertisement is without prejudice to the application of the relevant provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, in particular those regarding the right to object, automated individual decision-making, including profiling and specifically the need to obtain consent of the data subject prior to the processing of personal data for targeted advertising. Similarly, it is without prejudice to the provisions laid down in Directive 2002/58/EC in particular those regarding the storage of information in terminal equipment and the access to information stored therein.

Or. en

Justification

In line with the new Article, it has been moved up to recital 39a new.

Amendment 454

Adam Bielan, Kosma Złotowski, Beata Mazurek

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 52

(52) Online advertisement plays an important role in the online environment, including in relation to the provision of the services of online platforms. However, online advertisement can contribute to significant risks, ranging from advertisement that is itself illegal content, to contributing to financial incentives for the publication or amplification of illegal or otherwise harmful content and activities online, or the discriminatory display of advertising with an impact on the equal treatment and opportunities of citizens. In addition to the requirements resulting from Article 6 of Directive 2000/31/EC, online platforms should therefore be required to ensure that the recipients of the service have certain individualised information necessary for them to understand when and on whose behalf the advertisement is displayed. In addition, recipients of the service should have information on the main parameters used for determining that specific advertising is to be displayed to them, providing meaningful explanations of the logic used to that end, including when this is based on profiling. The requirements of this Regulation on the provision of information relating to advertisement is without prejudice to the application of the relevant provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, in particular those regarding the right to object, automated individual decision-making, including profiling and specifically the need to obtain consent of the data subject prior to the processing of personal data for targeted advertising. Similarly, it is without prejudice to the provisions laid down in Directive 2002/58/EC in particular those regarding the storage of information in terminal equipment and the access to information stored therein.

(52) Online advertisement plays an important role in the online environment, including in relation to the provision of the services of online platforms. However, online advertisement can contribute to significant risks, ranging from advertisement that is itself illegal content, to contributing to financial incentives for the publication or amplification of illegal or otherwise harmful content and activities online, or the discriminatory display of advertising with an impact on the equal treatment and opportunities of citizens. In addition to the requirements resulting from Article 6 of Directive 2000/31/EC, online platforms should therefore be required to ensure that the recipients of the service have certain individualised information necessary for them to understand when and on whose behalf the advertisement is displayed. In addition, recipients of the service should have information on the main parameters used for determining that specific advertising is to be displayed to them, providing meaningful explanations of the logic used to that end, including when this is based on profiling. The ***parameters should include, if applicable, the optimisation goal selected by the advertiser, information on the use of custom lists, information on the use of lookalike audiences and in such case – relevant information on the seed audience and an explanation why the recipient of the advertisement has been determined to be part of the lookalike audience, meaningful information about the online platform’s algorithms or other tools used to optimise the delivery of the advertisement, including a specification of the optimisation goal and a meaningful explanation of reasons why the online platform has decided that the optimisation goal can be achieved by displaying the advertisement to this recipient. The*** requirements of this Regulation on the provision of information relating to

advertisement is without prejudice to the application of the relevant provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, in particular those regarding the right to object, automated individual decision-making, including profiling and specifically the need to obtain consent of the data subject prior to the processing of personal data for targeted advertising. Similarly, it is without prejudice to the provisions laid down in Directive 2002/58/EC in particular those regarding the storage of information in terminal equipment and the access to information stored therein.

Or. en

Amendment 455

Arba Kokalari, Andrey Kovatchev, Pablo Arias Echeverría, Andreas Schwab, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Maria da Graça Carvalho, Tomislav Sokol, Axel Voss, Ivan Štefanec, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Barbara Thaler

Proposal for a regulation Recital 52

Text proposed by the Commission

(52) Online advertisement plays an important role in the online environment, including in relation to the provision of the services of online platforms. However, online advertisement can contribute to significant risks, ranging from advertisement that is itself illegal content, to contributing to financial incentives for the publication or amplification of illegal **or otherwise harmful** content and activities online, or the discriminatory display of advertising with an impact on the equal treatment and opportunities of citizens. In addition to the requirements resulting from Article 6 of Directive 2000/31/EC, online platforms should therefore be required to ensure that the recipients of the service have certain individualised information necessary for them to understand when and on whose behalf the advertisement is displayed. In addition, recipients of the

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(52) Online advertisement plays an important role in the online environment, including in relation to the provision of the services of online platforms. ***Online advertising is a significant source of financing for many digital business models and an effective tool to reach new customers, not least for small- and medium sized companies.*** However, ***there are some instances when*** online advertisement can contribute to significant risks, ranging from advertisement that is itself illegal content, to contributing to financial incentives for the publication or amplification of illegal content and activities online, or the discriminatory display of advertising with an impact on the equal treatment and opportunities of citizens. ***To ensure consumer protection online advertisement should be subject to proportionate and meaningful***

service should have information on the main parameters used for determining that specific advertising is to be displayed to them, providing meaningful explanations of the logic used to that end, including when this is based on profiling. The requirements of this Regulation on the provision of information relating to advertisement is without prejudice to the application of the relevant provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, in particular those regarding the right to object, automated individual decision-making, including profiling and specifically the need to obtain consent of the data subject prior to the processing of personal data for targeted advertising. Similarly, it is without prejudice to the provisions laid down in Directive 2002/58/EC in particular those regarding the storage of information in terminal equipment and the access to information stored therein.

transparency obligations. In addition to the requirements resulting from Article 6 of Directive 2000/31/EC, online platforms should therefore be required to ensure that the recipients of the service have certain individualised information necessary for them to understand when and on whose behalf the advertisement is displayed. In addition, recipients of the service should have information on the main parameters used for determining that specific advertising is to be displayed to them, providing meaningful explanations of the logic used to that end, including when this is based on profiling. The requirements of this Regulation on the provision of information relating to advertisement is without prejudice to the application of the relevant provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, in particular those regarding the right to object, automated individual decision-making, including profiling and specifically the need to obtain consent of the data subject prior to the processing of personal data for targeted advertising. Similarly, it is without prejudice to the provisions laid down in Directive 2002/58/EC in particular those regarding the storage of information in terminal equipment and the access to information stored therein.

Or. en

Amendment 456

Dita Charanzová, Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Claudia Gamon, Morten Løkkegaard, Marco Zullo, Svenja Hahn, Karen Melchior, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Liesje Schreinemacher

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Text proposed by the Commission

(52) Online advertisement plays an important role in the online environment, including in relation to the provision of the services of online platforms. However,

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(52) Online advertisement plays an important role in the online environment, including in relation to the provision of the services of online platforms. However,

online advertisement can contribute to significant risks, ranging from advertisement that is itself illegal content, to contributing to financial incentives for the publication or amplification of illegal or otherwise harmful content and activities online, or the discriminatory display of advertising with an impact on the equal treatment and opportunities of citizens. In addition to the requirements resulting from Article 6 of Directive 2000/31/EC, online platforms should therefore be required to ensure that the recipients of the service have certain individualised information necessary for them to understand when and on whose behalf the advertisement is displayed. In addition, recipients of the service should have information on the main parameters used for determining that specific advertising is to be displayed to them, providing meaningful explanations of the logic used to that end, including when this is based on profiling. The requirements of this Regulation on the provision of information relating to advertisement is without prejudice to the application of the relevant provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, in particular those regarding the right to object, automated individual decision-making, including profiling and specifically the need to obtain consent of the data subject prior to the processing of personal data for targeted advertising. Similarly, it is without prejudice to the provisions laid down in Directive 2002/58/EC in particular those regarding the storage of information in terminal equipment and the access to information stored therein.

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Or. en

Amendment 457

Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Valérie Hayer, Fabienne Keller, Christophe Grudler, Stéphane Séjourné, Marco Zullo, Laurence Farreng, Karen Melchior

Proposal for a regulation
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Text proposed by the Commission

(52) Online advertisement plays an important role in the online environment, including in relation to the provision of the services of online platforms. However, online advertisement can contribute to significant risks, ranging from advertisement that is itself illegal content, to contributing to financial incentives for the publication or amplification of illegal or otherwise harmful content and activities online, or the discriminatory display of advertising with an impact on the equal treatment and opportunities of citizens. In addition to the requirements resulting from Article 6 of Directive 2000/31/EC, online platforms should therefore be required to ensure that the recipients of the service have certain individualised information necessary for them to understand when and on whose behalf the advertisement is displayed. In addition, recipients of the service should have information on the main parameters used for determining that specific advertising is to be displayed to them, providing meaningful explanations of the logic used to that end, including when this is based on profiling. The requirements of this Regulation on the provision of information relating to advertisement is without prejudice to the application of the relevant provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, in particular those regarding the right to object, automated individual decision-making, including profiling and specifically the need to obtain consent of the data subject prior to the processing of personal data for targeted advertising. Similarly, it is without prejudice to the provisions laid down in Directive 2002/58/EC in particular those regarding the storage of information in terminal equipment and the access to information stored therein.

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Amendment 458**Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron****Proposal for a regulation****Recital 52***Text proposed by the Commission*

(52) Online advertisement plays an important role in the online environment, including in relation to the provision of the services of online platforms. However, online advertisement can contribute to significant risks, ranging from advertisement that is itself illegal content, to contributing to financial incentives for the publication or amplification of illegal or otherwise harmful content and activities online, or the discriminatory display of advertising with an impact on the equal treatment and opportunities of citizens. In addition to the requirements resulting from Article 6 of Directive 2000/31/EC, online platforms should therefore be required to ensure that the recipients of the service have certain individualised information necessary for them to understand when and on whose behalf the advertisement is displayed. In addition, recipients of the service should have information on the main parameters used for determining that specific advertising is to be displayed to them, providing meaningful explanations of the logic used to that end, including when this is based on profiling. The requirements of this Regulation on the provision of information relating to advertisement is without prejudice to the application of the relevant provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, in particular those regarding the right to object, automated individual decision-making, including profiling and specifically the need to obtain consent of the data subject prior to the processing of personal data for targeted advertising. Similarly, it is without

*Amendment**(Does not affect the English version.)*

prejudice to the provisions laid down in Directive 2002/58/EC in particular those regarding the storage of information in terminal equipment and the access to information stored therein.

Or. fr

Amendment 459

Barbara Thaler, Arba Kokalari

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 52

Text proposed by the Commission

(52) Online advertisement plays an important role in the online environment, including in relation to the provision of the services of online platforms. However, online advertisement can contribute to significant risks, ranging from advertisement that is itself illegal content, to contributing to financial incentives for the publication or amplification of illegal or otherwise harmful content and activities online, or the discriminatory display of advertising with an impact on the equal treatment and opportunities of citizens. In addition to the requirements resulting from Article 6 of Directive 2000/31/EC, online platforms should therefore be required to ensure that the recipients of the service have certain individualised information necessary for them to understand when and on whose behalf the advertisement is displayed. In addition, recipients of the service should have information on the main parameters used for determining *that specific* advertising is to be displayed to them, providing meaningful explanations of the logic used to that end, *including when this is based on profiling*. The requirements of this Regulation on the provision of information relating to advertisement is without prejudice to the application of the relevant provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, in particular

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Or. en

Amendment 460

Alexandra Geese, Rasmus Andresen, Kim Van Sparrentak
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 52 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(52a) A core part of an online platform's business is the manner in which information is prioritised and presented on its online interface to facilitate and optimise access to information for the recipients of the service. This is done, for example, by algorithmically suggesting, ranking and prioritising information, distinguishing through text or other visual representations, or otherwise curating information provided by recipients. Such recommender systems can have a significant impact on the ability of recipients to retrieve and interact with information online. They also play an important role in the amplification of certain messages, the viral dissemination of information and the stimulation of online behaviour. Consequently, online platforms should ensure that recipients can understand how recommender system impact the way information is displayed, and can influence how information is presented to them. They should clearly present the parameters for such

recommender systems in an easily comprehensible manner to ensure that the recipients understand how information is prioritised for them. They should also ensure that the recipients enjoy alternative options for the main parameters. Options not based on profiling of the recipient should be available and used by default.

Or. en

Justification

This recital is in line with the new Article 24a new on recommender systems for online platforms.

Amendment 461

Evelyne Gebhardt, Andreas Schieder, Sylvie Guillaume, Maria Grapini, Biljana Borzan, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques, Paul Tang, Tiemo Wölken, Monika Beňová

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 52 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(52a) The market position of very large online platforms allows them to collect and combine enormous amounts of personal data, thereby strengthening their market position vis-a-vis smaller competitors, while at the same time incentivising other online platforms to take part in comparable data collection practices and thus creating an unfavourable environment for consumers. Therefore, the collecting and further processing of personal data for the purpose of displaying tailored advertisement should be prohibited. The selection of advertisements shown to a consumer should consequently be based on contextual information, such as language settings by the device of the user or the digital location. Besides a positive effect on privacy and data protection rights of users, the ban will increase competition on the market and will

facilitate market access for smaller online platforms and privacy-friendly business models.

Or. en

Amendment 462

Ramona Strugariu, Vlad-Marius Botoș

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 52 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(52a) Very large online platforms using recommendation systems should be bound by the obligation to promote the reliability of information (due prominence obligation), by implementing mechanisms that refer to a self-regulatory standard, highlighting information sources that respect standardized professional and ethical self-regulatory standards, such platforms should in turn give them preferential treatment by prioritizing their content; a must-carry obligation should ensure that recommender systems display information from trustworthy sources, such as public authorities, scientific sources or public interest journalism as first results following search queries in areas of public interests;

Or. en

Amendment 463

Marco Zullo

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 52 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(52a) Given the necessity to increase the transparency of online advertising and to combat scams and hidden marketing

techniques, influencers and other actors should communicate in a clear, intelligible and visible way at the beginning of the post whether they were paid, directly or indirectly, or received free products for that post.

Or. en

Amendment 464

Ramona Strugariu, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Karen Melchior

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 52 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(52b) Providers of public interest journalism should be identified through voluntary, self-regulatory European standards or European standardisation deliverables as defined by Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council ('technical standards'), transparently developed, governed and enforced and such standards must be based on internationally accepted best-practices and ethical norms;

Or. en

Amendment 465

Evelyne Gebhardt, Maria Grapini, Biljana Borzan, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques, Andreas Schieder, Paul Tang, Tiemo Wölken, Monika Beňová

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 52 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(52b) The ban on targeted advertising should not hinder contextual advertisement, such as the displaying of a car advertisement on a website presenting

information from the automotive sector.

Or. en

Amendment 466

Geert Bourgeois

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 53

Text proposed by the Commission

(53) Given the importance of very large online platforms, due to their reach, in particular as expressed in number of recipients of the service, in facilitating public debate, economic transactions and the dissemination of information, opinions and ideas and in influencing how recipients obtain and communicate information online, it is necessary to impose specific obligations on those platforms, in addition to the obligations applicable to all online platforms. Those additional obligations on very large online platforms are necessary to address those public policy concerns, there being no alternative and less restrictive measures that would effectively achieve the same result.

Amendment

(53) Given the importance of very large online platforms, due to their reach, in particular as expressed in number of recipients of the service, in facilitating public debate, economic transactions and the dissemination of information, opinions and ideas and in influencing how recipients obtain and communicate information online, it is necessary to impose specific obligations on those platforms, in addition to the obligations applicable to all online platforms. Those additional obligations on very large online platforms are necessary to address those public policy concerns, there being no alternative and less restrictive measures that would effectively achieve the same result. *Very large social online platforms are a subcategory of very large online platforms, which people use primarily to build a social network and social relationships. Given the essential role that very large social online platforms play in the public debate and in social interaction, it is necessary to impose a universal service obligation on those platforms in addition to the obligations applicable to all very large online platforms.*

Or. nl

Amendment 467

Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Valérie Hayer, Fabienne Keller, Christophe Grudler, Stéphane Séjourné, Laurence Farreng, Marco Zullo

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 53

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 468

Adam Bielan, Kosma Złotowski, Eugen Jurzyca, Beata Mazurek

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 53

Text proposed by the Commission

(53) Given the importance of very large online platforms, due to their reach, in particular as expressed in number of ***recipients*** of the service, in facilitating public debate, economic transactions and the dissemination of information, opinions and ideas and in influencing how recipients obtain and communicate information online, it is necessary to impose specific obligations on those platforms, in addition to the obligations applicable to all online platforms. Those additional obligations on

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(53) Given the importance of very large online platforms, due to their reach, in particular as expressed in number of ***active end users*** of the service, in facilitating public debate, economic transactions and the dissemination of information, opinions and ideas and in influencing how recipients obtain and communicate information online, it is necessary to impose specific obligations on those platforms, in addition to the obligations applicable to all online platforms. Those additional obligations on

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Or. en

Amendment 469

Arba Kokalari, Pablo Arias Echeverría, Andreas Schwab, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Maria da Graça Carvalho, Tomislav Sokol, Axel Voss, Ivan Štefanec, Barbara Thaler

Proposal for a regulation Recital 54

Text proposed by the Commission

(54) Very large online platforms may cause societal risks, different in scope and impact from those caused by smaller platforms. Once the number of recipients of a platform reaches a significant share of the Union population, the systemic risks the platform poses have a disproportionately **negative** impact in the Union. Such significant reach should be considered to exist where the number of recipients exceeds an operational threshold set at 45 million, that is, a number equivalent to 10% of the Union population. The operational threshold should be kept up to date through amendments enacted by delegated acts, where necessary. Such very large online platforms should therefore bear the highest standard of due diligence obligations, proportionate to their societal impact and means.

Amendment

(54) Very large online platforms may cause societal risks, different in scope and impact from those caused by smaller platforms. Once the number of recipients of a platform reaches a significant share of the Union population, the systemic risks the platform poses **could** have a disproportionately impact in the Union. Such significant reach should be considered to exist where the number of recipients exceeds an operational threshold set at 45 million, that is, a number equivalent to 10% of the Union population. ***Accordingly, the number of average monthly recipients of the service should reflect the recipients actually reached by the service either by being exposed to content or by providing content disseminated on the platforms' interface in that period of time.*** The operational threshold should be kept up to date through amendments enacted by delegated acts, where necessary. ***The threshold should be designed to target the largest platforms with a reach in the Union that could lead to a systemic impact.*** Such very large online platforms should therefore bear the highest standard of due diligence obligations, proportionate to their societal impact and means, ***placing such due***

diligence obligations on smaller companies, especially micro, small and medium sized companies would be disproportionate.

Or. en

Justification

Clarifying that the scope for Very Large Online Platforms should not be broadened to include smaller platforms, as this would be disproportionate.

Amendment 470

Dita Charanzová, Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Claudia Gamon, Morten Løkkegaard, Svenja Hahn, Karen Melchior, Liesje Schreinemacher

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 54

Text proposed by the Commission

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platforms should therefore bear the highest standard of due diligence obligations, proportionate to their societal impact and means.

Or. en

Amendment 471

Adam Bielan, Kosma Złotowski, Eugen Jurzyca, Beata Mazurek

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 54

Text proposed by the Commission

(54) Very large online platforms may cause societal risks, different in scope and impact from those caused by smaller platforms. Once the number of recipients of a platform reaches a significant share of the Union population, the systemic risks the platform poses have a disproportionately negative impact in the Union. Such significant reach should be considered to exist where the number of **recipients** exceeds an operational threshold set at 45 million, that is, a number equivalent to 10% of the Union population. The operational threshold should be kept up to date through amendments enacted by delegated acts, where necessary. Such very large online platforms should therefore bear the highest standard of due diligence obligations, proportionate to their societal impact and means.

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Or. en

Amendment 472
Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 54

Text proposed by the Commission

(54) Very large online platforms may cause societal risks, different in scope and impact from those caused by smaller platforms. Once the number of recipients of a platform reaches a significant share of the Union population, the systemic risks the platform poses have a disproportionately negative impact in the Union. Such significant reach should be considered to exist where the number of recipients exceeds an operational threshold set at 45 million, that is, a number equivalent to 10 % of the Union population. The operational threshold should be kept up to date through amendments enacted by delegated acts, where necessary. Such very large online platforms should therefore bear the highest standard of due diligence obligations, proportionate to their societal impact and means.

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(54) Very large online platforms may cause societal risks, different in scope and impact from those caused by smaller platforms. Once the number of recipients of a platform reaches a significant share of the Union population, the systemic risks the platform poses have a disproportionately negative impact in the Union. Such significant reach should be considered to exist where the number of recipients exceeds an operational threshold set at 45 million, that is, a number equivalent to 10% of the Union population ***and if the online platforms have an annual global turnover exceeding EUR 100 million.*** The operational threshold should be kept up to date through amendments enacted by delegated acts, where necessary. Such very large online platforms should therefore bear the highest standard of due diligence obligations, proportionate to their societal impact and means.

Or. fr

Justification

Non-profit platforms such as Telegram, Signal or DuckDuckGo cannot be deemed to be very large online platforms; otherwise they would have to change their models, which have so far been non-commercial.

Amendment 473
Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 56

Text proposed by the Commission

(56) Very large online platforms are used in a way that strongly influences safety online, the shaping of public opinion and discourse, as well as on online trade. The way they design their services is generally optimised to benefit their often advertising-driven business models and can cause societal concerns. In the absence of effective regulation and enforcement, they can set the rules of the game, without effectively identifying and mitigating the risks and the societal and economic harm they can cause. Under this Regulation, very large online platforms should therefore assess the systemic risks stemming from the functioning and use of their service, as well as by potential misuses by the recipients of the service, and take appropriate mitigating measures.

Amendment

(56) Very large online platforms are used in a way that strongly influences safety online, the shaping of public opinion and discourse, as well as on online trade. The way they design their services is generally optimised to benefit their often advertising-driven business models and can cause societal concerns. In the absence of effective regulation and enforcement, they can set the rules of the game, without effectively identifying and mitigating the risks and the societal and economic harm they can cause. Under this Regulation, very large online platforms should therefore assess, ***under the supervision of the Commission and the European Board for Digital Services***, the systemic risks stemming from the functioning and use of their service, as well as by potential misuses by the recipients of the service, and take appropriate mitigating measures.

Or. fr

Amendment 474

Arba Kokalari, Pablo Arias Echeverría, Andreas Schwab, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Maria da Graça Carvalho, Tomislav Sokol, Axel Voss, Ivan Štefanec, Barbara Thaler

**Proposal for a regulation
Recital 56**

Text proposed by the Commission

(56) Very large online platforms are used in a way that strongly influences safety online, the shaping of public opinion and discourse, as well as on online trade. The ***way they*** design their services is generally optimised to benefit their often advertising-driven business models and can ***cause societal concerns. In the absence of*** effective regulation and enforcement, ***they can set the rules of the game, without*** effectively ***identifying and mitigating*** the

Amendment

(56) Very large online platforms are used in a way that strongly influences safety online, the shaping of public opinion and discourse, as well as on online trade. The design ***of*** their services is generally optimised to benefit their often advertising-driven business models and can ***sometimes amplify the dissemination of illegal content***. Effective regulation and enforcement ***is needed to*** effectively ***identify and mitigate*** the risks and the

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societal and economic harm **that may arise**. Under this Regulation, very large online platforms should therefore assess the systemic risks stemming from the functioning and use of their service, as well as by potential misuses by the recipients of the service, and take appropriate mitigating measures.

Or. en

Amendment 475

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Proposal for a regulation

Recital 57

Text proposed by the Commission

(57) **Three** categories of systemic risks should be assessed in-depth. A first category concerns the risks associated with the misuse of their service through the dissemination of illegal content, such as the dissemination of child sexual abuse material or illegal hate speech, and the conduct of illegal activities, such as the sale of products or services prohibited by Union or national law, including counterfeit products. For example, and without prejudice to the personal responsibility of the recipient of the service of very large online platforms for possible illegality of his or her activity under the applicable law, such dissemination or activities may constitute a significant systematic risk where access to such content may be amplified through accounts with a particularly wide reach. A second category concerns the impact of the service on the exercise of fundamental rights, as protected by the Charter of Fundamental Rights, including the freedom of expression and information, the right to private life, the right to non-discrimination and the rights of the child. Such risks may arise, **for example**, in relation to the design

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(57) **Five** categories of systemic risks should be assessed in-depth. A first category concerns the risks associated with the **intended use and** misuse of their service through the dissemination of illegal content, such as the dissemination of child sexual abuse material or illegal hate speech, and the conduct of illegal activities, such as the sale of products or services prohibited by Union or national law, including counterfeit products **and illegally traded animals**. For example, and without prejudice to the personal responsibility of the recipient of the service of very large online platforms for possible illegality of his or her activity under the applicable law, such dissemination or activities may constitute a significant systematic risk where access to such content may be amplified through accounts with a particularly wide reach. A second category concerns the impact of the service on the exercise of fundamental rights, as protected by the Charter of Fundamental Rights, including the freedom of expression and information, the right to private life, the right to non-discrimination and the rights of the child. Such risks may

of the algorithmic systems used by the very large online platform or the misuse of their service through the submission of abusive notices or other methods for silencing speech or hampering competition. A third category of risks concerns the intentional and, oftentimes, coordinated manipulation of the platform's service, with a foreseeable impact on health, civic discourse, electoral processes, public security and protection of minors, having regard to the need to safeguard public order, protect privacy and fight fraudulent and deceptive commercial practices. Such risks may arise, for example, through the creation of fake accounts, the use of bots, and other automated or partially automated behaviours, which may lead to the rapid and widespread dissemination of information that is illegal content or incompatible with an online platform's terms and conditions.

arise in relation to ***technology design choices such as*** the design of the algorithmic systems used by the very large online platform or the misuse of their service through the submission of abusive notices or other methods for silencing speech or hampering competition. A third category of risks concerns the ***intended use of, malfunctioning of, as well as the*** intentional and, oftentimes, coordinated manipulation of the platform's service, with a foreseeable impact on health, civic discourse, electoral processes, public security and protection of minors ***or other vulnerable groups***, having regard to the need to safeguard public order, protect privacy and fight fraudulent and deceptive commercial practices, ***including undisclosed commercial communications published by recipients of the service that are not marketed, sold or arranged by the online platform***. Such risks may arise, for example, through the creation of fake accounts, the use of bots, and other automated or partially automated behaviours, which may lead to the rapid and widespread dissemination of information that is illegal content or incompatible with an online platform's terms and conditions. ***A fourth category concerns negative societal effects of technology design, value chain and business-model choices in relation to systemic risks that represent threats to democracy. A fifth category concerns environmental risks such as high electricity and water consumption, heat production and CO2 emissions related to the provision of the service and technical infrastructure or to user behaviour modification with a direct environmental impact, such as directing users to choose less sustainable options when it comes to delivery or packaging.***

Or. en

Amendment 476

Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Valérie Hayer, Fabienne Keller, Christophe Grudler, Stéphane Séjourné, Laurence Farreng, Karen Melchior

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 57

Text proposed by the Commission

(57) Three categories of systemic risks should be assessed in-depth. A first category concerns the risks associated with the misuse of their service through the dissemination of illegal content, such as the dissemination of child sexual abuse material or illegal hate speech, and the conduct of illegal activities, such as the sale of products or services prohibited by Union or national law, including counterfeit products. For example, and without prejudice to the personal responsibility of the recipient of the service of very large online platforms for possible illegality of his or her activity under the applicable law, such dissemination or activities may constitute a significant systematic risk where access to such content may be amplified through accounts with a particularly wide reach. A second category concerns the impact of the service on the exercise of fundamental rights, as protected by the Charter of Fundamental Rights, including the freedom of expression and information, the right to private life, the right to non-discrimination and the rights of the child. Such risks may arise, for example, in relation to the design of the algorithmic systems used by the very large online platform or the misuse of their service through the submission of abusive notices or other methods for silencing speech **or** hampering competition. A third category of risks concerns the intentional and, oftentimes, coordinated manipulation of the platform's service, with a foreseeable impact on health, civic discourse, electoral processes, public security and protection of minors, having regard to the need to safeguard public order, protect privacy and fight fraudulent

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and deceptive commercial practices. Such risks may arise, for example, through the creation of fake accounts, the use of bots, and other automated or partially automated behaviours, which may lead to the rapid and widespread dissemination of information that is illegal content or incompatible with an online platform's terms and conditions.

journalists, in particular women who are more often victims of hateful speech and online threats. These should be considered systemic risk as referred to in Article 26 as they pose threat to democratic values, media freedom, freedom of expression and information, and should be subject to dedicated mitigating measures as referred to in Article 27, and priority notice through trusted flaggers as referred to in Article 19. A third category of risks concerns the intentional and, oftentimes, coordinated manipulation of the platform's service, with a foreseeable impact on health, *fundamental rights*, civic discourse, electoral processes, public security and protection of minors, having regard to the need to safeguard public order, protect privacy and fight fraudulent and deceptive commercial practices. Such risks may arise, for example, through the creation of fake accounts, the use of bots, and other automated or partially automated behaviours, which may lead to the rapid and widespread dissemination of information that is illegal content or incompatible with an online platform's terms and conditions.

Or. en

Amendment 477

Dita Charanzová, Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Claudia Gamon, Morten Løkkegaard, Svenja Hahn, Karen Melchior, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Liesje Schreinemacher

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 57

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 478

Karen Melchior, Samira Rafaela, Hilde Vautmans, Michal Šimečka, Ivars Ijabs, Anna Júlia Donáth, Olivier Chastel, Fabienne Keller, Petras Auštrevičius, Irène Tolleret, Ramona Strugariu, Barry Andrews, Susana Solís Pérez, Dragoș Pîslaru, Katalin Cseh

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 57***Text proposed by the Commission*

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foreseeable impact on health, civic discourse, electoral processes, public security and protection of minors, having regard to the need to safeguard public order, protect privacy and fight fraudulent and deceptive commercial practices. Such risks may arise, for example, through the creation of fake accounts, the use of bots, and other automated or partially automated behaviours, which may lead to the rapid and widespread dissemination of information that is illegal content or incompatible with an online platform's terms and conditions.

of the platform's service ***through the submission of abusive notices***, with a foreseeable impact on health, civic discourse, electoral processes, public security and protection of minors, having regard to the need to safeguard public order, protect privacy and fight fraudulent and deceptive commercial practices. Such risks may arise, for example, through the creation of fake accounts, the use of bots, and other automated or partially automated behaviours, which may lead to the rapid and widespread dissemination of information that is illegal content or incompatible with an online platform's terms and conditions.

Or. en

Amendment 479

Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 57

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 480
Jiří Pospíšil

Proposal for a regulation
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Amendment 481

Brando Benifei, Christel Schaldemose, Monika Beňová, Marc Angel, Maria Grapini

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Or. en

Amendment 482

Dita Charanzová, Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoș, Claudia Gamon, Morten Løkkegaard, Svenja Hahn, Karen Melchior, Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Liesje Schreinemacher

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 58

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 483
Geert Bourgeois

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Or. nl

Amendment 484

Sandro Gozi, Stéphanie Yon-Courtin, Valérie Hayer, Fabienne Keller, Christophe Grudler, Marco Zullo, Stéphane Séjourné, Laurence Farreng

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Or. en

Amendment 485

Alessandra Basso, Marco Campomenosi, Antonio Maria Rinaldi, Isabella Tovaglieri, Markus Buchheit, Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron
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Proposal for a regulation **Recital 58**

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Amendment 486
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Amendment 487

Adam Bielan, Kosma Złotowski, Beata Mazurek

Proposal for a regulation

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Amendment 488

Petra Kammerevert, Christel Schaldemose, Evelyne Gebhardt

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 58 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(58a) Mitigation of risks, which would lead to removal, disabling access to or otherwise interfering with media services and content for which a media service provider holds editorial responsibility, should not be considered reasonable or proportionate.

Or. en

Amendment 489

Alexandra Geese, Rasmus Andresen, Kim Van Sparrentak
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 60

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 490

Arba Kokalari, Pablo Arias Echeverría, Andreas Schwab, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Maria da Graça Carvalho, Tomislav Sokol, Axel Voss, Ivan Štefanec, Pilar del Castillo Vera, Barbara Thaler

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 61

Text proposed by the Commission

(61) The audit report should be substantiated, so as to give a meaningful account of the activities undertaken and the conclusions reached. It should help inform, and where appropriate suggest improvements to the measures taken by the very large online platform to comply with their obligations under this Regulation. The report should be transmitted to the Digital Services Coordinator of establishment and the Board ***without delay***, together with the risk assessment and the mitigation measures, as well as the platform's plans for addressing the audit's recommendations. The report should include an audit opinion based on the conclusions drawn from the audit evidence obtained. A positive opinion should be given where all evidence shows that the very large online platform complies with the obligations laid down by this Regulation or, where applicable, any commitments it has undertaken pursuant to a code of conduct or crisis protocol, in particular by identifying, evaluating and mitigating the systemic risks posed by its system and services. A positive opinion should be accompanied by comments where the auditor wishes to include remarks that do not have a substantial effect on the outcome of the audit. A negative opinion should be given where the auditor considers that the very large online platform does not comply with this Regulation or the commitments undertaken.

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Recital 61

Text proposed by the Commission

(61) The audit report should be substantiated, so as to give a meaningful account of the activities undertaken and the conclusions reached. It should help inform, and where appropriate suggest improvements to the measures taken by the very large online platform to comply with their obligations under this Regulation. The report should be transmitted to the **Digital Services Coordinator of establishment** and the **Board** without delay, together with the risk assessment and the mitigation measures, as well as the platform's plans for addressing the audit's recommendations. The report should include an audit opinion based on the conclusions drawn from the audit evidence obtained. A positive opinion should be given where all evidence shows that the very large online platform complies with the obligations laid down by this Regulation or, where applicable, any commitments it has undertaken pursuant to a code of conduct or crisis protocol, in particular by identifying, evaluating and mitigating the systemic risks posed by its system and services. A positive opinion should be accompanied by comments where the auditor wishes to include remarks that do not have a substantial effect on the outcome of the audit. A negative opinion should be given where the auditor considers that the very large online platform does not comply with this Regulation or the commitments undertaken.

Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 493

Alexandra Geese, Rasmus Andresen, Kim Van Sparrentak
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 61 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(61a) In order to ensure a participative and inclusive approach and address societal concerns raised by the services of very large online platforms, it is necessary to set up a European Social Media Council at Union level. The transparency, inclusiveness and independence of the Council ensures that decisions on content moderation are shaped by a diverse range of expertise and perspectives. The Council should support the Agency and the Commission by issuing policy and implementation recommendations and help platforms improving and adjusting content moderation practices under terms and conditions. The Council should consist of independent experts, representatives of the recipients of the service, representatives of groups potentially impacted by their services, and civil society organisations. While not legally binding, the Councils' recommendations will yield effective outcomes, incorporating a wider and more diverse range of inputs to societal challenges that very large online platforms may pose. Its strength and efficiency is based on voluntary compliance by platforms, whose commitment will be to respect and execute the Council's recommendations in good faith. In order to function efficiently, the Council and its members should have sufficient human, material and financial resources at their disposal.

Or. en

Amendment 494

Alexandra Geese, Rasmus Andresen, Kim Van Sparrentak
on behalf of the Greens/EFA Group

Proposal for a regulation **Recital 62**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(62) A core part of a very large online platform's business is the manner in which information is prioritised and presented on its online interface to facilitate and optimise access to information for the recipients of the service. This is done, for example, by algorithmically suggesting, ranking and prioritising information, distinguishing through text or other visual representations, or otherwise curating information provided by recipients. Such recommender systems can have a significant impact on the ability of recipients to retrieve and interact with information online. They also play an important role in the amplification of certain messages, the viral dissemination of information and the stimulation of online behaviour. Consequently, very large online platforms should ensure that recipients are appropriately informed, and can influence the information presented to them. They should clearly present the main parameters for such recommender systems in an easily comprehensible manner to ensure that the recipients understand how information is prioritised for them. They should also ensure that the recipients enjoy alternative options for the main parameters, including options that are not based on profiling of the recipient. **deleted**

Or. en

Justification

This recital is being moved up to a new recital 52a new.

Amendment 495

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Proposal for a regulation

Recital 62

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(62) A core part of a very large online platform's business is the manner in which information is prioritised and presented on its online interface to facilitate and optimise access to information for the recipients of the service. This is done, for example, by algorithmically suggesting, ranking and prioritising information, distinguishing through text or other visual representations, or otherwise curating information provided by recipients. Such recommender systems can have a significant impact on the ability of recipients to retrieve and interact with information online. They also play an important role in the amplification of certain messages, the viral dissemination of information and the stimulation of online behaviour. ***Moreover, these recommender systems can also impact media consumption and cultural practices of users, and may risk locking them into a bubble without providing them with the possibility to open up to other content.*** Consequently, very large online platforms should ensure that recipients are appropriately informed, and can influence the information presented to them. They should clearly present the main parameters for such recommender systems in an easily comprehensible manner to ensure that the recipients understand how information is prioritised for them. They should also ensure that the recipients enjoy alternative options for the main parameters, including options that are not based on profiling of the recipient.

Or. en

Amendment 496

Arba Kokalari, Pablo Arias Echeverría, Andreas Schwab, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Maria da Graça Carvalho, Tomislav Sokol, Axel Voss, Ivan Štefanec, Barbara Thaler

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 62

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 497
Jean-Lin Lacapelle, Virginie Joron

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 62

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. fr

Amendment 498
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Proposal for a regulation
Recital 62 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(62a) Recommender systems used by very large online platforms pose a particular risk in terms of consumer choice and lock-in effects. Consequently, in addition to the obligations applicable to all online platforms, very large online platforms should offer to the recipients of the service the choice of using recommender systems from third party providers, where available. Such third parties must be offered access to the same operating system, hardware or software features that are available or used in the provision by the platform of its own recommender systems, including through application programming interfaces.

Or. en

Justification

In line with the IMCO INL (P9_TA(2020)0272), paragraph 81 and Chapter VII of the Annex.