



Minutes of the joint meeting between the European Board for Digital Services and the Media Board

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The first joint meeting between the European Board for Digital Services and the Media Board was jointly chaired by Renate Nikolay, Deputy Director-General in DG CNECT, and Amma Asante, Chair of the Media Board. The Boards held a discussion on protection of minors online under the Digital Services Act (DSA), European Media Freedom Act (EMFA), and the Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD). Members of the Boards reiterated the importance of protection of minors online and shared updates on their enforcement actions, particularly in relation to pornographic platforms. The Boards' members discussed the complementarity between DSCs, media regulators and the Commission. Several delegations highlighted the complementary role of the DSA and AVMSD in protecting minors, including with respect to micro and small enterprises. The Boards stressed the importance of coordinated enforcement and coherent application of the legal frameworks in question as well as the need for regulatory coherence with upcoming legislative proposals.

Moreover, the Boards discussed media freedom and pluralism in the digital environment. The Media Board outlined the role which it plays promoting media pluralism under the EMFA, with a particular focus on the role of the Media Board as regards the treatment of media service providers' content on very large online platforms (VLOPs). An update was provided on the organisation of the structured dialogue foreseen in Article 19 EMFA. The Boards discussed the application of the safeguards in EMFA to protect media providers from unfair moderation practices by VLOPs and noted the importance of ensuring complementarity and avoiding duplication of efforts in this field. The Chair of the European Board for Digital Services provided an update on interaction between DSCs and the Commission regarding AI Overviews under the DSA.

The Boards agreed to further strengthen mutual cooperation through regular exchanges and meetings, streamlined oversight efforts and coordination of instruments. More concretely, it was concluded to involve media authorities even more closely in the ongoing coordinated DSA action to reinforce the protection of minors as regards pornographic platforms and to facilitate an exchange on media freedom and pluralism between relevant working groups of both Boards.