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Reading the many important developments that the present Newsletter reports on, the following words of Nelson Mandela spring to mind: “Remember to celebrate milestones as you prepare for the road ahead”. Celebrations are indeed in order as several long-awaited milestones were reached at EU level regarding the Regulation on Political Advertising, the Anti-SLAPP Directive, the EMFA and the AI Act.

Another milestone was also reached with the full entry into force of the DSA package. Applicable to VLOPs and VLOSEs since August 2023, the DSA started applying to all other online intermediaries in the European Union in February 2024. In parallel, the obligations placed upon gatekeepers under the DMA came into force in March 2024.

However, this is as much of a milestone as it is a starting point, as the implementation and thorough oversight by the European Commission and the DSCs are bound to raise questions and introduce new challenges. In February, the Court of Justice issued its inaugural order on the enforcement of the DMA, addressing the European Commission's designation of Bytedance as a gatekeeper.

In this edition of the Newsletter, you will also discover many other developments at national level, in the EU and beyond, from legal reforms to case law and decisions by administrative bodies, that will certainly help you prepare for the road ahead.

I hope you enjoy the read!

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