European Commission launches public consultation on DSA Transparency Database

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On 21 June 2023, the European Commission (EC) launched a public consultation on the Digital Services Act (DSA) Transparency Database.

This database, containing statements from online platforms regarding reasons for removal of information and other content moderation decision, is to be set up and maintained by the EC, pursuant to Article 24(5) of the DSA. As part of their new responsibilities to better inform users, platforms will be required to submit their statements without undue delay after each decision, in order to allow for "almost real-time updates", according to the EC's press release for the launch of the public consultation.

The consultation gives the opportunity to all stakeholders to weigh-in by giving suggestions on the platforms' submission methods (between a range of pre-identified technical options, or new ones to be described by the stakeholders answering the consultation), the delay for submissions (ranging from immediate to within a week), the type and amount of documentation to be made available to the public – and hypothetical access restriction to parts of the database –, the safeguards to put in place with regard to data protection, and opinions on the structure and content currently envisaged for the database.

The consultation remains open until 17 July 2023.

Press release - Digital Services Act: Commission launches public consultation on transparency database of content moderation decisions

https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/digital-services-act-commission-launches-public-consultation-transparency-database-content?pk_source=ec_newsroom&pk_medium=email&pk_campaign=Shaping%20Europe%27s%20Digital%20Future%20website%20updates

Public consultation - DSA Transparency database of content moderation decisions

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