



## On the Agenda

### The EU's Digital Services and Markets Acts

14 January 2021, 14h00 – 15h00 (CET)

Zoom Webinar

#### ABOUT THE EVENT

On 15 December 2020, more than 20 years after the e-Commerce Directive came into force, the European Commission unveiled its proposals for 2 landmark regulations for the digital realm – the Digital Services Act (DSA) and the Digital Markets Act (DMA). With this legislation, the EC seeks to create a level playing field for digital companies, while securing the fundamental rights of all end users. All providers who offer digital services in the Single Market will have to comply with the new rules, ensuring transparency and a common approach when dealing with illegal content. It is envisaged that very large platforms will be monitored to ensure that they do not act against regulations, with potential fines for those who overstep the mark.

While the danger of falling into a system of prior monitoring or censorship seems to have been avoided (as the proposal refers to previous regulations), much emphasis is placed on the possibility of creating value and innovation through these new regulations. On paper these ideas sound great, but we know that in some cases, new regulations can have an impact on growth and innovation.

What could be the unforeseen repercussions of these two regulations and how could they be implemented in real life? Could stricter and more binding rules for large companies lead to disadvantages in the relevant market? How can they foster more innovation in a real market context? Has the threat of overregulation been avoided?



## EVENT SCHEDULE

**13h55** Participants connect to the Zoom event

**14h00** Opening Remarks

**Lauren Mason**, Projects Coordinator, European Liberal Forum

**14h05** Introduction by the Moderator

**Beatriz Ríos**, EU Affairs reporter

**14h08** First intervention

**Daniel Castro**, Vice President, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF) and Director, ITIF's Center for Data Innovation

**14h15** Second intervention

**Giulia Pastorella**, PhD, EU Government Relations Director, ZOOM

**14h22** Third intervention

**Jan Penfrat**, Senior Policy Advisor, European Digital Rights (EDRi)

**14h29** Moderated debate

**14h57** Closing Remarks

**15h00** End of event

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