

[DSA: Making the online world safer](https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/safer-online) (<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/safer-online>)

Find out how the DSA can make the online world safer and protect your fundamental rights.



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Are you curious to know about how the EU protects you online? New rules introduced in the DSA will work to create a fairer and safer online world.

There are many ways to spend time and find information online, whether you are connecting with friends, browsing social media or like three-quarters of the EU population, doing some online shopping.

But, how confident are you of the sources you are buying from? Do you know why you are being recommended certain products? And what happens when our connections online turn sour, or if your content gets blocked on social media with no explanation?

These are all questions that the European Union is addressing to make sure the digital world is safe and fair for all of us.

Here are **5 key ways** the new DSA will make the digital world a better place for you:

Protecting us from dangerous goods and illegal content

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Currently, there is no consistent flagging system for when you see illegal content, goods or services online. The DSA will make it easier for you to report illegal content, such as hate speech, and goods such as counterfeit products by introducing mandatory user-friendly flagging systems.

Platforms will need to process alerts in a timely and diligent manner and keep you updated. You will also have clear information about whom you're buying goods or services from online.

Helping us tackle cyber bullying

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Cyber bullying and cyber violence are an increasing problem for children and adults alike. The DSA will introduce stronger protections for people targeted by online harassment and bullying. This includes making sure any non-consensual private images and other abusive, illegal content that are shared can be quickly flagged by users.

Limiting targeted advertising

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Ever feel like your phone is listening to you? Or that a social media website knows you better than you know yourself?

The DSA will be able to help; it will introduce transparency around advertising, making sure it is clearly labelled, and information is available about who is placing the ad and why you are seeing it.

It also introduces a ban on certain types of advertising on online platforms, like advertising based on sensitive data categories including sexuality, religion or race, and a complete ban on targeted advertising of children based on their personal data.

Helping us to understand and challenge content moderation decisions

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At the moment, if a platform decides to take down something you post, it is hard to contest that decision. The DSA will allow us to challenge platforms through an easy-to-use, free-of-charge complaint mechanism.

Simplifying terms and conditions

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When a website or app asks us to read the terms and conditions, we are usually faced with a small print we have to endlessly scroll through, making it difficult to focus on what we are agreeing to – if we read it at all.

The DSA will ensure that very large online platforms (those with over 45 million users in the EU) provide concise and unambiguous summaries of their terms and conditions in the local EU language, so we all know what we are accepting.

Of course, this only lists a few of the many ways the DSA will improve our online lives. Explore our pages to find out more about how the DSA will create a safer and fairer online world.

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[The Digital Services Act package](https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/digital-services-act-package)

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The Digital Services Act and Digital Markets Act aim to create a safer digital space where the fundamental rights of users are protected and to establish a level playing field for businesses.

See Also

[Digital Services Coordinators](https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/dsa-dscs) (<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/dsa-dscs>)

Digital Services Coordinators help the Commission to monitor and enforce obligations in the Digital Services Act (DSA).

[How the Digital Services Act enhances transparency online](https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/dsa-brings-transparency)

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The Digital Services Act (DSA) details a range of actions to promote transparency and accountability of online services, without hindering innovation and competitiveness.

[Supervision of the designated very large online platforms and search engines under DSA](https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/list-designated-vlops-and-vloses)

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This page provide an overview of the designated Very Large Online Platforms (VLOPs) and Very Large Online Search Engines (VLOSEs) supervised by the Commission and the main enforcement activities.

[The impact of the Digital Services Act on digital platforms](https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/dsa-impact-platforms)

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Since August 2023, platforms have already started to change their systems and interfaces according to the Digital Services Act (DSA) to provide a safer online experience for all.

[The enforcement framework under the Digital Services Act](https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/dsa-enforcement)

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The enforcement of the Digital Services Act (DSA) includes a full set of investigative and sanctioning measures that can be taken by national authorities and the Commission.

[The cooperation framework under the Digital Services Act](https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/dsa-cooperation)

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The Digital Services Act (DSA) provides a framework for cooperation between the Commission, EU and national authorities to ensure platforms meet its obligations.

[DSA: Very large online platforms and search engines](#)
<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/dsa-vlops>

Very large online platforms and search engines are those with over 45 million users in the EU. They must comply with the most stringent rules of the DSA.

[European Centre for Algorithmic Transparency](#) (<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/ecat>)

The European Centre for Algorithmic Transparency (ECAT) is committed to improved understanding and proper regulation of algorithmic systems.

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