



## DOT Europe deeply concerned by direction of the DSA following European Parliament Committee votes

Brussels, 4 October 2021 - DOT Europe today expressed deep concern on the direction the Digital Services Act (DSA) is taking following votes in the Industry (ITRE) and Legal Affairs (JURI) committees last week.

The opinions from the committees introduce a raft of new provisions which are at odds with the horizontal principle underpinning the original proposal from the European Commission and cover issues that have no place in the DSA. This principle was emphasised again by the Commission just this past week in a debate in the European Parliament.

Of particular concern are proposals which substantially weaken the Country of Origin Principle which has been critical for Europe's digital economy for the past two decades, provisions which create challenges for fighting illegal online content and new rules for marketplaces and digital advertising which are far reaching and inappropriate.

Commenting on the committee votes, Siada El Ramly, Director General of DOT Europe, said:

"The Digital Services Act is a crucial piece of legislation for the development and growth of Europe's digital single market. The opinions passed in the European Parliament will serve only to erode the Internal Market, risk hampering the fight against disinformation and burden operators with obligations that go far beyond the scope of what is needed in creating a flexible, focused and future-proof framework."

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