

EU Digital Agenda

European ccTLDs response

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The Digital Services Act (DSA)

"The sale of illicit, dangerous or counterfeit goods and dissemination of illegal content must be tackled as effectively as possible" (European Commission)

CENTR comment

Revision of the Directive on security of network and information systems (NIS Directive):

Public consultation (2 October)



Why does it matter for ccTLDs?

The NIS Directive: the first EU legislation that specifically targeted ccTLDs (adopted in 2016):

 Identifies DNS service providers and TLDs as "operators of essential services"

The DSA: potentially "GDPR"-like legislation with an extraterritorial reach?

- Content moderation obligations?
- Status of domain name services when it come to illegal content online
- "Legal gap" when it comes to DNS





Digital Services Act



European Commission ran public consultation until 8 September:

What would be appropriate and proportionate measures for digital services [...], other than online platforms, to take – e.g. [...]services deeper in the internet stack, like[...] DNS services, etc.?



European Parliament IMCO: calls for DSA to clarify to what extent *domain* name services fall within the scope of the DSA.



CENTR response to DSA

On 1 September CENTR submitted its <u>response</u> to the public

consultation on the Digital Services Act







Content paper



Community discussions

- ccTLDs technical role and importance
- Legal clarity on issues related to illegal content
- Responsibilities for all actors involved (public authorities)

Technical community

<u>Joint statement</u> with RIPE NCC:

"Urging to make a distinction between the internet core infrastructure and the many applications and content that run on top of that infrastructure."



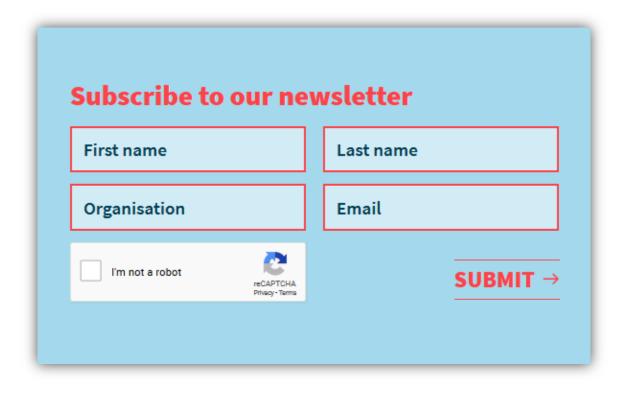
NIS Directive Review

- Review by the end of 2020
- Sudden increase in the dependence on information technology during the COVID-19 crisis
- Lacking consistency in identifying "operators of essential service" across the EU – incl. DNS operators and ccTLDs



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