



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 [response](#) 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

[Joint statement](#) 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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