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Europe

Commission fines X €120 million under the Digital Services Act

European Commission, 05 December 2025

Today, the Commission has issued a fine of €120 million to X for breaching its transparency obligations under the [Digital Services Act \(DSA\)](#). The breaches include the deceptive design of its 'blue checkmark', the lack of transparency of its advertising repository, and the failure to provide access to public data for researchers. ([Read more](#))

The EU is supporting capacity building against cybercrime

European Commission, 27 November 2025

The recent adoption of [the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime](#) and its signature by 72 countries in October 2025, highlights the need to strengthen capacity building and technical assistance. ([Read more](#))

Commission requests Shein to provide information on the sale of illegal products under the Digital Services Act

European Commission, 26 November 2025

The European Commission has sent a request for information to Shein under the Digital Services Act (DSA), following preliminary indications that illegal goods, particularly child-like sex dolls and weapons, are being offered on the marketplace.

Following the sale of illegal products in France and several public reports, the Commission suspects that Shein's system may pose a systemic risk for consumers across the entire European Union. ([Read more](#))

Commission launches whistleblower tool for AI Act

European Commission, 24 November 2025

The European Commission launched a whistleblower tool for the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act. The tool will provide a secure and confidential channel for individuals to report suspected breaches of the AI Act directly to the EU AI Office, the centre of AI expertise within the Commission. ([Read more](#))

Commission evaluates the Digital Services Act's interaction with other EU laws and its designation threshold for VLOPs and VLOSEs

DIGIBYTE, 17 November 2025

The Commission published a report assessing the Digital Services Act's (DSA) interaction with other EU laws and its designation process for very large online platforms and search engines. ([Read more](#))

Irish regulator opens DSA probe into X*digwatch, 14 November 2025*

Ireland's media watchdog has [opened](#) a formal investigation into X under the EU's Digital Services Act. Regulators will assess appeal rights and internal complaint handling after reports of inaccessible processes for users. ([Read more](#))

Danish Presidency backs away from 'chat control'*Euractiv, 30 October 2025*

The Danes will seek to propose a voluntary detection regime in the CSAM proposal, instead of controversial mandatory detection orders. ([Read more](#))

Commission signed UN Convention to step up the fight against cybercrime*European Commission, 27 October 2025*

The Commission has signed [the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime](#) on behalf of the EU in Hanoi, Viet Nam. The Convention aims to prevent and combat cybercrime and strengthen international cooperation. It ensures that human rights and fundamental freedoms are effectively safeguarded in its application, including the rights to the protection of personal data and privacy. ([Read more](#))

Commission checking if ChatGPT falls under EU online governance rules*Euractiv, 22 October 2025*

The European Commission is assessing whether OpenAI's ChatGPT has become so popular that it should be in scope of EU online governance rules which the Commission itself enforces. ([Read more](#))

Executive Vice-President Virkkunen updates Council and Parliament on simplification, implementation and enforcement of the digital rulebook*European Commission, 21 October 2025*

Commission Executive Vice-President for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy Henna Virkkunen has recently transmitted her first Annual Progress Report to Council and Parliament. The report also goes into the Commission's efforts to implement and enforce EU digital rules such as the Digital Services Act and the Artificial Intelligence Act. ([Read more](#))

Make tech executives liable if platforms don't protect kids, say EU lawmakers*Politico, 15 October 2025*

Members of the European Parliament want to make tech executives personally liable for failing to protect children online, under a proposal seen by POLITICO. Momentum for action to protect kids on the internet is growing in Europe, amid concerns about the health effects of highly addictive platforms and exposure to violent content. ([Read more](#))

Europol conference warns: cybercrime fight hinges on access to data*Europol, 03 October 2025*

Criminals are exploiting encryption, anonymisation and emerging technologies faster than regulators and law enforcement can respond – making access to data the decisive challenge in the fight against cybercrime. This was the warning sounded at Europol's 4th Annual Cybercrime Conference this week. ([Read more](#))


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C-PROC: Third African Forum on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence creates the platform to discuss and act on the continent's commitment to combat cybercrime

Council of Europe, 25-27 November 2025

The third edition of the [African Forum on Cybercrime and Electronic Evidence](#), organised jointly by the European Union and the [Cybercrime Programme Office of the Council of Europe \(C-PROC\)](#) and hosted by the Kenyan Government in Nairobi between 25-27 November, has brought together more than 350 high-level audience of policymakers, criminal justice professionals, and cybersecurity practitioners from across Africa.

The Forum focuses on emerging cybercrime threats and more effective ways to address them through robust legal frameworks, capacity building efforts, and strengthened international cooperation. ([Read more](#))

Canadian Court: OVHcloud from France must hand over user data

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The Ontario court has ordered OVHcloud to provide data stored in its cloud. This raises questions about digital sovereignty. ([Read more](#))

Bosnia and Herzegovina became the 52nd State to sign the Second Additional Protocol to Convention on Cybercrime

Council of Europe, 14 November 2025

On 14 November, Ambassador Haris Bašić, Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, signed the [Second Additional Protocol to the Convention on Cybercrime, on enhanced co-operation and disclosure of electronic evidence](#), in the presence of Mr. Bjørn Berge Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe. ([Read more](#))

Seventy-two nations sign first UN treaty to fight cybercrime, in milestone for digital cooperation

United Nations

[Adopted](#) by the General Assembly in December 2024 [after five years of negotiation](#), the [Convention against Cybercrime](#) establishes the first universal framework for investigating and prosecuting offences committed online – from ransomware and financial fraud to the non-consensual sharing of intimate images. ([Read more](#))