



**VSP** regulation

# **VSP & Regulators**

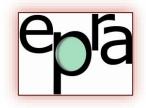
**Highlights & main outcomes** 

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- Facilitate practical discussions between EPRA members on implementation of regulation (and co-regulation) of VSPs
- Invite selected academics to enrich discussions and for an interplay with theory and practice
- Learn from each other and explore concrete problems

**Deliverable**: Detailed summary of sessions + presentations





# Format:

- A series of **informal workshops** every 4-5 months
- Brief online sessions (120 minutes max)
- Presentation by experts on key topics
- Open discussion with EPRA members





#### The VSP & Regulation Workshops today:

- Inaugural launch: 21 October 2021
- Open group for EPRA members (≠ EMIL & Al group)
- 3 Workshops so far





# Topics addressed:

#### Protection of minors: 16 March (age assurance & age verification)

- Update on national developments on <u>age assurance</u>
  and <u>age verification systems</u> (Ofcom-UK, Arcom-FR,
  LfM-DE) and on age rating systems (KAVI-FI, CvdM-NL).
- <u>euCONSENT consortium</u> (aim at designing an open, secure and certified age verification and parental consent system) by Sonia Livingstone (LSE) and a focus on <u>data protection and children's rights</u> by Eva Lievens (Ghent University)

# Challenges and highlights:

- Al tools may help provide more robust age verification systems
- Implementation obstacles:
- No official notification or unclear jurisdiction over VSPs
- The lack of level-playing field and harmonisation put forward as an excuse by adult VSPs for not complying





#### Key messages:

- More cooperation between NRAs (implementation support, jurisdiction over adult services)
- > Technical measures must empower children and reflect the reality of family life
- All measures shall respect children's rights and privacy
- > Policy-making and implementation should involve children





#### Topics addressed:

- > Hate speech: a systemic approach: 29 June
- <u>The Carnegie Project:</u> a public policy proposal to improve the safety of internet services' users via a systemic and safety-by-design approach, by Lorna Woods (University of Essex) and William Perrin (Carnegie UK)
- Challenges & highlights:
- The need of a shift of mindset from an ex-post content regulation to an ex-ante safety-by-design approach
- The issue of harmful but non-criminal content
- Political involvement and government interference





#### Key messages:

- > A victim-focused approach is important, with all categories of victims
- Such a systemic approach can be used for other types of content (gender violence...)
- > A regular assessment and monitoring of the system is needed
- > Remedies and answers to hate speech must be proportional





# The VSP & Regulation Workshops tomorrow:

Next Workshop: 9 November 2022

Focus: Emerging practices on appropriate mechanisms (TBC)





#### Focus 1

> MAVISE Facts: Identifying & registering VSPs - what challenges?

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#### Focus 2:

> Toolbox: NRAs information collection powers