

Statement on the IMCO opinion vote on the terrorist content proposal

[Brussels, 4 March 2019] We welcome today's IMCO opinion on the regulation on preventing the dissemination of terrorist content online as a step towards legal certainty for entrepreneurs in Europe. Although open questions and challenges for entrepreneurs remain, we welcome the clear reference to the liability regime established in the e-commerce directive. We commend the rapporteur and negotiating team in particular for the inclusive and evidence-driven approach during the drafting of the compromises.

Startups in Europe need a coherent and predictable legal framework. Excluding automated content filters and the one-hour removal deadline from the regulation will make it easier for founders in Europe to operate and to offer safe and transparent services. We hope for an equally well-balanced and informed continuation of this file in the LIBE committee.

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