

# The EU Digital Services Act is a big deal for disinformation. Here is why

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# Today's presentation

Recap: what's the DSA and what happened until now?

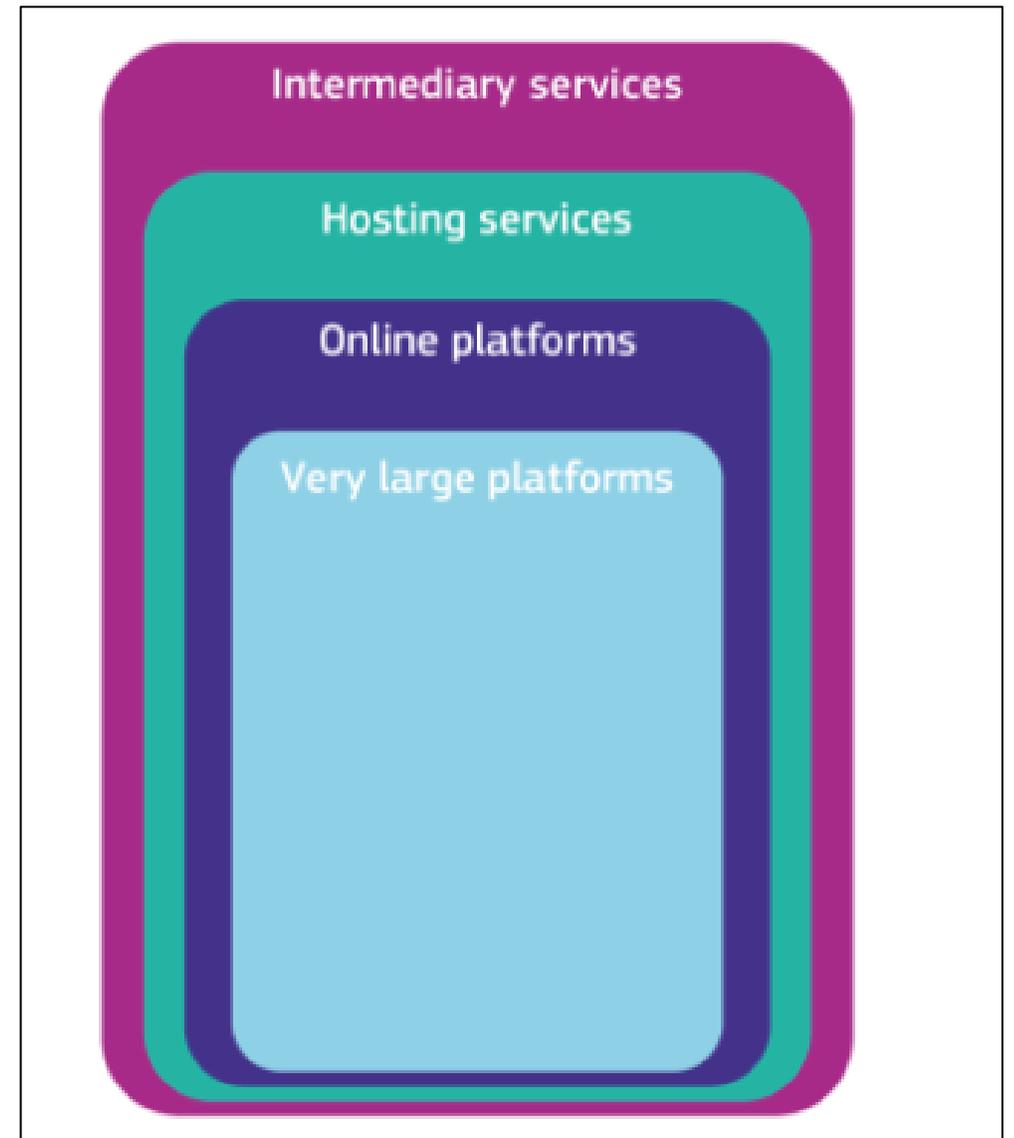
How will it be useful for disinformation experts?

Next steps

What's the Digital Services Act  
(DSA) ?

# Who's concerned?

- **Very large online platforms (VLOPs)** Platforms with an operational threshold of recipients at least 10% of the EU's population (>45 million consumers) and Very large online search engines (VLOSEs).
- **Online platforms** bringing together sellers and consumers such as online marketplaces, app stores, collaborative economy platforms and social media platforms.
- **Hosting services:** cloud & webhosting services
- **Intermediary services:** network infrastructure, Internet access providers, domain name registrars

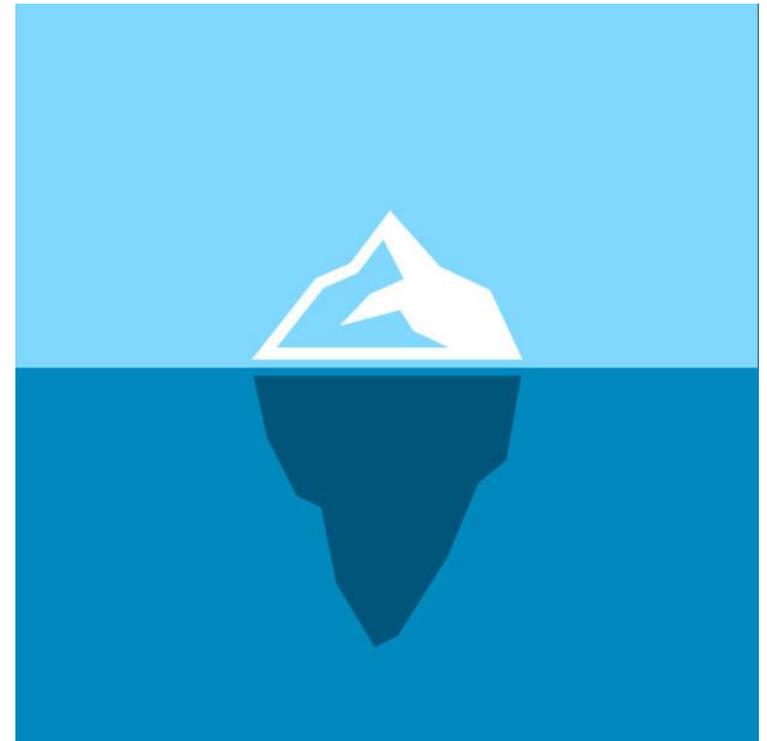


# Is the DSA just about illegal content?

Many articles of the DSA are focused exclusively on illegal content, but the DSA takes a systems approach to improving our online environment and so “lawful but awful” content is also in scope.

Platforms must act on non-illegal content in order to

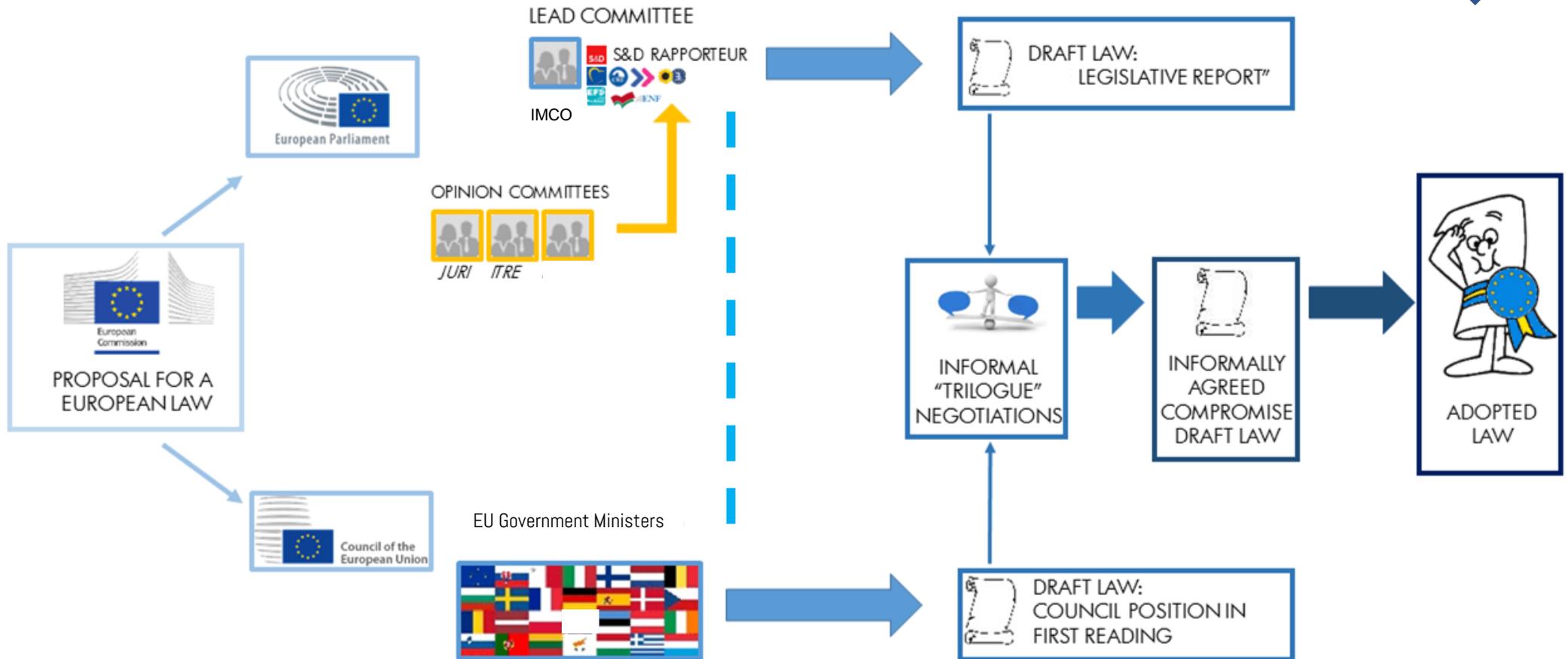
- mitigate systemic risks
- apply their own terms and conditions



# Where are we at?

Phase I  
(Dec 2020 – Dec 2021)

Phase II  
(Jan 2022 – Dec 2022)



How will it be useful for  
disinformation experts?

# Key articles and provisions

Article 20 *Internal complaint handling system*

Article 21 *Out-of-court dispute settlement*

Article 86 *Representation*

DSA: the “data generating machine”

Articles 15, 24, 26, 39, **40**, 42

Article **40** *Data access and scrutiny*  
*Note: dedicated Delegated Act*

Article 34 *Risk Assessment*

Article 35 *Mitigation of risks*

Article 53 *Right to lodge a complaint*

Article 37 *Independent audit*

# Who is responsible for enforcing the DSA?

- VLOPs & VLOSEs = European Commission
- The rest = Digital Service Coordinators in MS

NB: understanding what's happening with DSCs  
The role of the community is important!



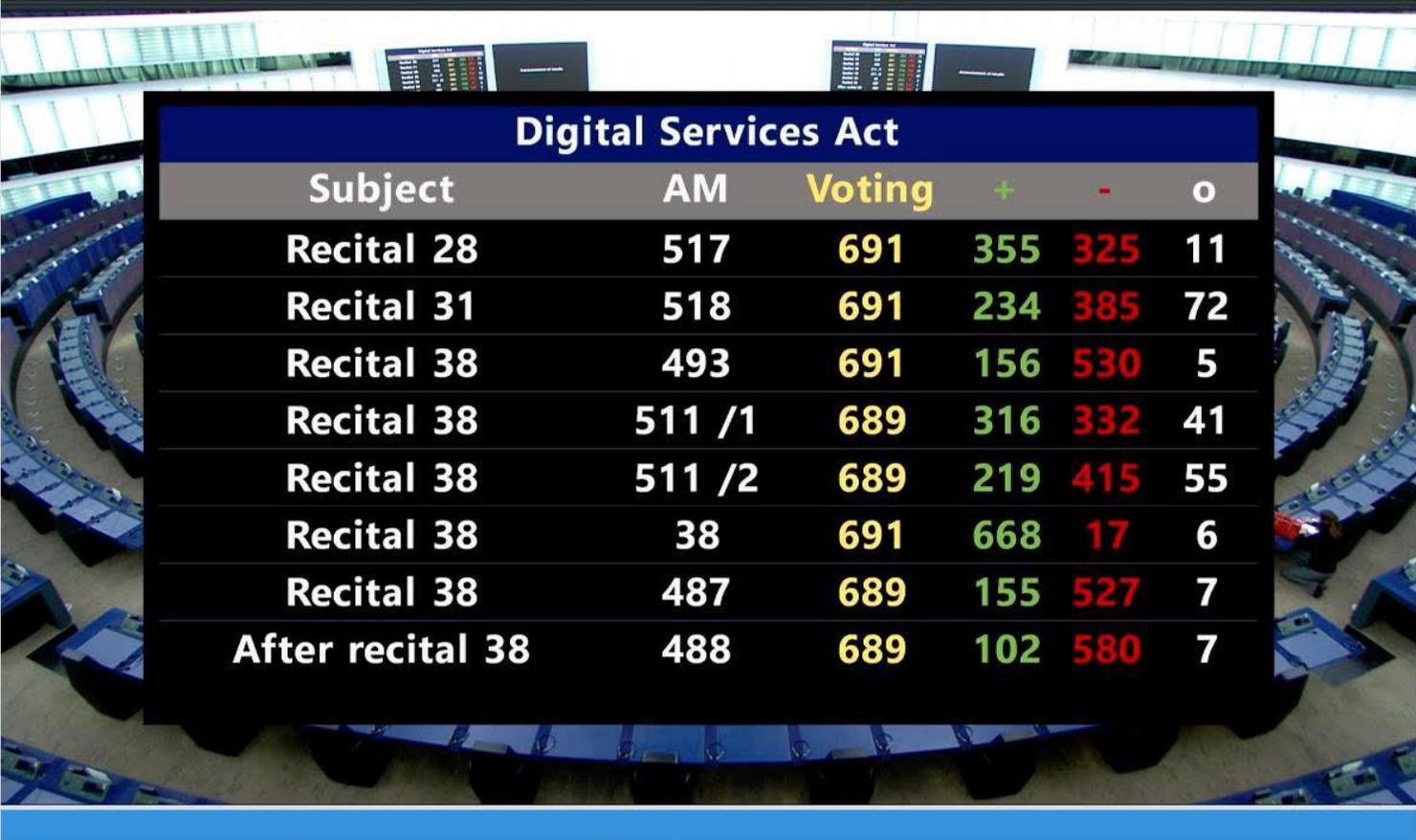
# What about the new Code of Practice on Disinformation?

Co-regulatory mechanism under DSA Article 45 *Codes of Conduct*

What happened with the  
media exemption?

# Plenary Vote – 511 rejected!

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Digital Services Act					
Subject	AM	Voting	+	-	o
Recital 28	517	691	355	325	11
Recital 31	518	691	234	385	72
Recital 38	493	691	156	530	5
Recital 38	511 /1	689	316	332	41
Recital 38	511 /2	689	219	415	55
Recital 38	38	691	668	17	6
Recital 38	487	689	155	527	7
After recital 38	488	689	102	580	7

However, the story is not  
over...

# Article 17 EMFA

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## THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S EMFA PROPOSAL IS PAVING THE WAY FOR THE MEDIA EXEMPTION TO COME BACK



Next steps for DSA

1

Autumn 2022

***DSA signed into law & soon formally enters into force: published in the Official Journal of the EU; DSCs have to be designated within 15 months from this moment; EC gets enforcement powers***

2

Q1 2023

***Commission designation of VLOPs and VLOSEs & invoices platforms for supervisory fee***

4

Q2-Q3 2023

***VLOPs and VLOSEs will have 4 months after the designation to get ready to comply with the legislation; risk assessments received from VLOPs and VLOSEs (likely July)***

6

Q1 2024

***The law enters into force for everyone else***

# Enforcement and accountability



Thank you

