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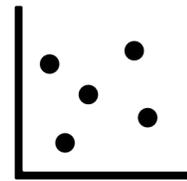
# HACK THE DSA

*A COLLABORATIVE DAY IN TO IMPROVE  
DIGITAL TRANSPARENCY*

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# Digital regulation and civil society



## Why open data matters

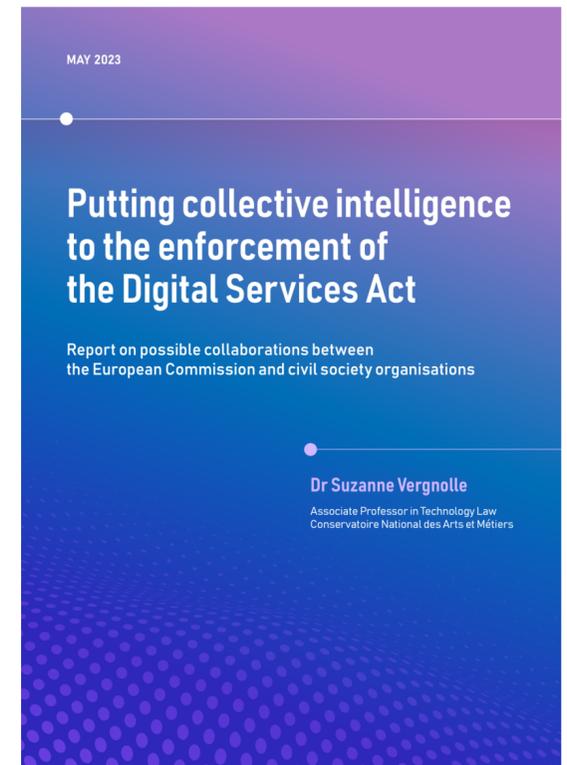
> *what civil society can do with data, what can be created, how institutions and companies can be held accountable*



## **Report on collaborative intelligence**

> *In 2023, publication of a report to explore ways to involve civil society, notably with :*

- > *An expert group with the EU Commission and CSOs*
- > *To put in place 'crowdsourcing' events*



# The DSA: A transparency machine

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## The DSA opens compliance to collective scrutiny

> The DSA grants data access (art. 40) to researches BUT also puts in place an unprecedented open data framework so ANYONE can scrutinize platform practices and contribute to regulatory enforcement



## The DSA introduces over 80 unprecedented transparency obligations:

> *Systemic risks reports, transparency reports, data access for researchers, ODS reports, trusted flaggers reports, ...*



# But in practice...

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Since the DSA enforcement we have seen a flood of reports. However, a first analysis revealed they are:

> Hard to find, hard to read, inconsistent, lacking objective data



## **The risk of cosmetic compliance**

> Risk that the DSA becomes a "paper-box exercise" where the process of compliance is disconnected from actual safety results



# “Hack the DSA”: Organization of the event (1/2)

1 day centered on collaborative thinking and circulation of knowledge



30 interdisciplinary experts (lawyers, data scientists, NGOs representatives, researchers, digital experts, etc.)



# “Hack the DSA”: Organization of the event (2/2)

One day to: **brainstorm, create teams, work collectively, and present key takeaways**



# 5 working groups

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Because of the variety of topics chosen, the event produced a different deliverables:

> **3 groups worked on analyzing DSA's documentation:**

DSCs documentation to have consistent oversight across the EU

Systemic risks report

Cross-transparency (what can we learn from a cross-analysis of published documents)

> **1 group worked on archiving reports**

> **1 group worked on political advertising**



# Some key recommendations (1/3)



> **Open archiving** Need to establish a repository in *Open Terms Archive* to guarantee the integrity and traceability of reports over time

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## Open Terms Archive now tracks DSA Systemic Risk Assessment Reports

Paris, October 3, 2025

Open Terms Archive now tracks all DSA systemic risk assessment Reports across all very large online platforms and search engines (VLOPSEs), creating a [dedicated dataset](#) ensuring the long-term availability and traceability of these documents.



# Some key recommendations (2/3)



> **Harmonized systemic risk reporting standards** Simplify document structures and publish detailed raw data and evaluation methods to ensure better oversight

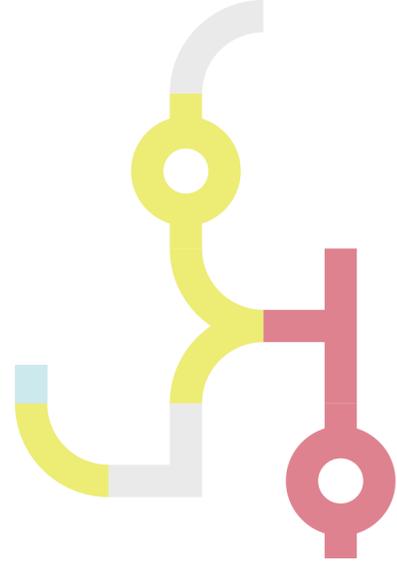
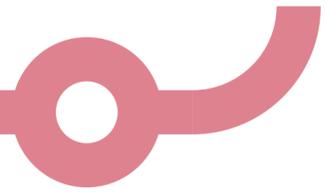


# Some key recommendations (3/3)



> **Inter-transparency** create a collaborative database based on minimal standardisation and shared metrics that would facilitate cross-platform data analysis, improve data consistency, and promote cooperation between stakeholders.





# Next steps



# Scan the QR code to read our key findings in more detail



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