

European Commission Transparency Database

Terminology:

Statement of Reasons (SoR): The justification provided by hosting service providers explaining decisions or actions taken to impose restrictions on content that violates the law or their terms and conditions of service, in accordance with the Digital Services Act (Article 17).

Digital Services Act (DSA) Transparency Database: The database of the European Commission, in which Statements of Reasons (SoRs) provided by online platform providers are maintained (Article 24 (5) of the Digital Services Act).

Country of main establishment of the provider: The country where the provider has its headquarters or registered office, where its main financial functions and operational control are exercised (see Recital 123 of the Digital Services Act).

Micro and small enterprise: As defined in Recommendation 2003/361/EC.

Hosting service: An information society service consisting of the storage of information provided by a recipient of the service, at his/her request.

Online platform: A hosting service which, at the request of a recipient of the service, stores and disseminates information to the public (unless that activity is a minor and purely ancillary feature of another service or a minor functionality of the principal service and, for objective and technical reasons, cannot be used without that other service, and the integration of the feature or functionality into the other service is not a means to circumvent the applicability of DSA).

Examples of online platforms include online marketplaces (e.g. AliExpress), social networks (e.g. Facebook), and app stores (e.g. Google Play Store).