The new Digital Services Act Package:
A paradigm shift?

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#1 Transparency of content moderation

Social media service providers have become a sort of judge, jury and executioner regarding important issues of freedom of expression online. The DSA gives users and consumers the possibility to contest the decisions taken by the online platforms to remove their content, including when these decisions are based on platforms’ terms and conditions. It also proposes rules on transparency of content moderation decisions. How will these rules work in practice?
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