

A virtual Roundtable on the EU Digital package - the Digital Markets Act and Digital Services Act

Minister for Trade Promotion, Digital and Company Regulation, Robert Troy TD, hosted a virtual Roundtable Discussion on the EU Digital package of the Digital Markets Act and Digital Services Act on 21 September 2021.

As part of the European Digital Strategy, Shaping Europe's Digital Future, the European Commission is upgrading the rules governing digital services in the EU, with two legislative proposals: the Digital Services Act and Digital Markets Act published on 15 December 2020. These proposals aim to create a safer digital space in which the fundamental rights of all users of digital services are protected; and establish a level playing field to foster innovation, growth, and competitiveness, both in the European Single Market and globally.

The Panel of Experts in the virtual Roundtable Discussion comprised of a senior EU Commission official from DG Connect who provided the perspective of the EU Commission proposing the regulations; a member of the European Parliament's Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) provided participants with a Parliament perspective on the files; a spokesperson from an organisation which represents and advocates on behalf of Ireland's tech start-up and scale-up companies provided a platform user perspective and finally an agency representative who provided the perspective of the Foreign Direct Investment base in Ireland on the two proposals.

Attendees in the virtual Roundtable Discussion consisted of representatives from platforms, users and regulators.

The purpose of this event was to allow the participants the opportunity to hear from the expert panel and share views and information on these two key EU proposals, the Digital Services Act (DSA) and the Digital Markets Act (DMA).

Minister Troy concluded that he looks forward to working with the EU Commission and other key stakeholders over the coming weeks to agree proportionate and future proofed proposals which provide full legal certainty, and which align with the strategic interests of the Irish business community.