

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

8th Meeting of Working Group 5 of the European Board of Digital Services

On 29th April 2026, the MCA attended the 8th meeting of Working Group 5 on Consumers & Online Marketplaces, held online under the European Board for Digital Services. The meeting focused on enforcement steps concerning Shein, evidence collection for product non-compliance under the DSA and cooperation with market surveillance authorities, a practical case study on the implementation of Article 26(1)(d) DSA presented by the French data protection authority, and updates from Working Streams 1 and 2, including work on online scams and fraud.

12th Meeting of Working Group 1 of the European Board of Digital Services

The MCA participated in the twelfth meeting of Working Group 1 (Horizontal and legal issues) of the European Board for Digital Services on 28th April 2026, where participants discussed guidelines on the interplay between the GDPR and the Digital Services Act, including a presentation by the European Data Protection Board followed by an exchange of views; received updates from Digital Services Coordinators on recent enforcement actions and court cases in Member States; and reviewed updates on ongoing workstreams, including forthcoming work on the Board's opinion pursuant to Article 75 of the Digital Services Act.

Joint Meeting of Working Group 1 and Working Group 2 of the European Board of Digital Services

On 28th April 2026, representatives from the MCA participated in the joint meeting of Working Group 1 (Horizontal and legal issues) and Working Group 2 (Working Together) of the European Board for Digital Services, where participants examined issues related to Telegram under the Digital Services Act, including a joint investigation under Article 60 of the DSA, the identification of next steps, and a discussion on how the European Commission and Digital Services Coordinators can assist BIPT and TTJA.

17th Meeting of Working Group 2 of the European Board of Digital Services

The MCA participated in the 17th meeting of Working Group 2 (Working together) of the European Board for Digital Services on 28th April 2026. During this meeting, members discussed follow-up to the Board discussion on working methods and the next steps for the Network of Communications Experts, including how to strengthen the network. The Board's opinion under Article 91(7) of the Digital Services Act with a focus on objectives, process and timeline, best practices for complaints handling, updates on engagement with civil society, and progress on the work on the Article 35(2) Digital Services Act report were also discussed.

16th Meeting of Working Group 6 of the European Board of Digital Services

On 24th April 2026, the MCA participated in the 16th meeting of Working Group 6 (Protection of Minors) of the European Board for Digital Services, which was held online. The meeting focused on updates on the Commission's age verification solution, progress under Article 28 implementation, and ongoing EU- and national-level initiatives on the protection of minors online, including enforcement actions, investigations into online platforms, and work under dedicated task forces and expert panels.

17th WRC 27 RSPG Subgroup Meeting

The MCA participated in the 17th World Radiocommunication Conference 2027 (WRC-27) subgroup meeting of the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) on 17th April 2026. The meeting focused on the development of the draft final opinion on specific agenda items for WRC-27.

BEREC's Market Economic Analysis Working Group Meeting

An expert from the MCA participated in a meeting organised by BEREC's MEA WG on the 17th of April to discuss the way forward and to start drafting a short paper concerning aspects related to market analyses and access regulation outlined in the DNA.

Data Access Initial Assessment Workshop for DSCs

On 16th April 2026, the MCA attended the Data Access Workshop, hosted remotely by the Irish DSC (CnaM). The purpose of this workshop was to support DSCs in completing an Initial Assessment (IA) and navigating AGORA to submit an IA to the DSCoE, including guidance on using the initial assessment template and instructions on logging into the data access module and completing the relevant sections of the system to progress an application.

18th Meeting of the European Board of Digital Services

Representatives from the MCA participated in the 18th meeting of the European Board for Digital Services on the 15th April 2026. The meeting focused on a deep dive into the protection of minors under the DSA, including enforcement and implementation of Article 28, updates on the protection of minors' guidelines, the roll-out of the age-verification solution and recent policy developments. Discussions also covered the Board's working methods - based on outcomes from WG2 and Vice-Chairs' exchanges, followed by updates from the Commission and DSCs on enforcement activities, the Board's views on preliminary findings concerning TikTok and pornographic platforms, and the discussion and adoption of the Board's press statement, with additional items addressed under any other business.

BEREC's Regulatory Framework Working Group Meeting

An expert from the MCA attended a meeting organised by BEREC's Regulatory Framework (RF) Working Group (WG) held on the 14th of April 2026. The meeting focused on planning the way forward for BEREC's and the WG's regulatory activities related to the Digital Networks Act (DNA).

Working Group 7 of the European Board of Digital Services Meeting

On 14th April 2026, the MCA attended the DS Board - WG7 meeting, which focused on orders and criminal issues under the Digital Services Act. The meeting addressed the application of Articles 9 and 10 of the DSA, including updates on ongoing investigations and exchanges on procedural and enforcement considerations relevant to orders against illegal content. Discussions also covered updates by DG HOME on DSA-relevant files and related criminal law developments, with reference to coordination between competent authorities and law enforcement.

BEREC Market and Economic Analysis Working Group Meeting

An MCA expert attended the BEREC Market and Economic Analysis (MEA) Working Group (WG) meeting on 13th April 2026, which gathered NRA input for the 2027 BEREC Work Programme.

Meeting on Safer Internet Centres (WG6)

On 9th April 2026, the MCA attended the Safer Internet Centres' (SICs) Funding meeting held remotely by DG Connect. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify the funding situation of the SICs currently on the reserve list, following the most recent call for proposals under the Digital Europe Programme.

1st Guidance for Alternative Use of the Sub-700 MHz Band RSPG Subgroup Meeting

The MCA participated in the 17th World Radiocommunication Conference 2027 (WRC 27) subgroup meeting of the Radio Spectrum Policy Group (RSPG) on 17th April 2026. The meeting focused on the development of the draft final opinion on specific agenda items for WRC 27.

20th Meeting of Working Group 3 of the European Board of Digital Services

On 8th April 2026, the MCA participated in the 20th meeting of the DSA Board Working Group 3 (WG3), which was held online. The meeting focused on data access for vetted researchers, including the state of play of data access applications, approval of documents for the DSA Board meeting of 15th April 2026 (Workplan 2026 and FAQ), and discussion on revised assessment templates, right-to-be-heard consultations, and related guidance developed by the data access subgroup, alongside a tour de table on national initiatives. Further discussions covered

transparency provisions, including analytical insights from the first harmonised transparency reports and updates on the Terms & Conditions Database, as well as other business, notably updates on the study assessing the implementation of Article 21 and the work of the BPR Group.

Preparatory Meeting for 18th Board Meeting

On 8th April 2026, the MCA participated remotely in the Prep call of the 18th DSA meeting of the European Board of Digital Services. The purpose of this short meeting was to discuss the agenda set for the Board meeting on the 15th April 2026.

PUBLICATIONS

International News Week 49 2025

Published On 30/04/2026 News

Key Market Indicators for Electronic Communications and Post - Q1 2021 to Q4 2025

Published On 29/04/2026 Data Report Sheet MCA/R/26-5928

Monthly Newsletter - March 2026

Published On 28/04/2026 News

Study on the Quality of Experience for End-Users of Electronic Communication Services

Published On 28/04/2026 End User Half Yearly Report

Decision Notice on the Review of GO plc's Application for Funding of the Net Cost claimed to have been incurred to provide Universal Service Obligations during 2021

Published On 24/04/2026 Decision MCA/D/26-5932

International News Week 48 2025

Published On 23/04/2026 News

Update to the Register of Authorised Undertakings providing Postal Services in Malta

Published On 23/04/2026 News

MCA Overview 2025

Published On 21/04/2026 MCA Overviews

International News Week 47 2025

Published On 16/04/2026 News

EMF Quarterly Report - Q1 2026

Published On 13/04/2026 EMF Reports

International News Week 46 2025

Published On 09/04/2026 News

Career Opportunity: Trust Services Specialist – EUDI

Published On 07/04/2026 Recruitment Jobsplus permit no: 300/2026

Career Opportunity: Senior Expert – Cybersecurity

Published On 07/04/2026 Recruitment Jobsplus permit no: 298/2026

International News Week 45 2025

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LEGAL UPDATES

Litigation

29th April 2026

Pending appeal before the Court of Appeal (inferior) by MaltaPost plc contesting a 2019 decision of the MCA, whereby MaltaPost was required to pay compensation for not having achieved the 2019 delivery targets. Final oral submissions by both parties were made on the 29th April 2026. Case was adjourned to 23rd September 2026 for the Court's judgement.

MEDIA ACTIVITY



Television:

Date: 27.04.2026

Channel: PBS

Programme: TVAM

Topic: End-User Half Yearly Report

Participant: Mark Stivala

Date: 27.04.2026

Channel: FLiving

Programme: FLiving Show

Topic: End-User Half Yearly Report

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

Radio:

Date: 21.04.2026

Channel: NET FM

Programme: Brunch ma' Marbeck

Topic: Postal Services (part 1)

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

Date: 07.04.2026

Channel: NET FM

Programme: Brunch ma' Marbeck

Topic: End-User Half Yearly Report

Participant: Yanika Buġeja

TV/Radio:

Date: 10.04.2026

Channel: One

Programme: Morning Mix

Topic: End-User Half Yearly Report

Participant: Yanika Bugeja

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