

DIGITALEUROPE acknowledges the Commission's e-evidence proposal

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DIGITALEUROPE welcomes the European Commission's effort to develop a consistent and harmonised approach to law enforcement authorities' data access requests in the EU. Clarification of these rules is timely and necessary.

The digital technology industry believes that law enforcement data access requests, subject to strong procedural and substantial safeguards, should be addressed to the data controller to ensure legal clarity, in particular concerning business-to-business dealings.

In an interconnected world, where conflicting laws arise across different countries and regions, it is incumbent upon governments to work together to create legal certainty for businesses and individuals. As such, DIGITALEUROPE encourages the co-legislators to deliver a framework that can serve as a basis for the Commission to negotiate agreements on behalf of the European Union and its Member States. Such government-to-government solutions are the only way to ensure respect for sovereignty and an increase of overall privacy protection around the world.

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ABOUT DIGITALEUROPE

DIGITALEUROPE represents the digital technology industry in Europe. Our members include some of the world's largest IT, telecoms and consumer electronics companies and national associations from every part of Europe. DIGITALEUROPE wants European businesses and citizens to benefit fully from digital technologies and for Europe to grow, attract and sustain the world's best digital technology companies. DIGITALEUROPE ensures industry participation in the development and implementation of EU policies.

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