

# #TRENDY THURSDAY

## DIGITAL SECURITY

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The European Commission has designated XNXX as a Very Large Online Platform (VLOP) under the Digital Services Act (DSA), due to its average of over 45 million monthly EU users. XNXX must comply with stringent DSA rules by mid-November 2024, including measures to protect users and prevent minors from accessing adult content. The platform must also assess and mitigate systemic risks, such as illegal content and user well-being impacts. This designation follows previous ones for other adult content platforms, bringing the total to 25. The Commission, with the Czech Digital Services Coordinator, will oversee XNXX's compliance.

## ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

### Environment ministers in Budapest: What's on the agenda

At an informal meeting of EU environment ministers in Budapest on July 11-12, the agenda will focus on COP29, circular economy competitiveness, and water scarcity. Despite political tensions and potential boycotts linked to Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán's recent visits to Moscow and Beijing, Hungary's EU Affairs Minister János Bóka stated that no member states indicated political considerations would affect their attendance. Discussions will include the EU's position for COP29 in Azerbaijan, climate finance, and international carbon markets. Ministers will also address how the circular economy can enhance Europe's competitiveness and strategies for resilient water management amid increasing droughts.

## EUROPEAN UNION

### Vice-President for the European Green Deal visits Slovenia and Croatia for the Coal regions in transition Dialogue and climate action and competitiveness talks.

Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal, Maroš Šefčovič, is visiting Slovenia (10-11 July) and Croatia (11-12 July) to participate in the Coal Regions in Transition Dialogue and discuss climate action and competitiveness. In Slovenia, he will meet with key ministers and participate in the Annual Dialogue of the Coal Regions in Transition Initiative in Velenje. This includes discussions on the green transition, Just Transition fund investments, and visits to green projects. In Croatia, Šefčovič will meet with government officials and speak at a conference on clean technologies and their role in driving competitiveness and economic growth.

## AGRI FOOD

### Commission allocates €77 million in emergency support to farmers in Austria, Czechia, Poland and Portugal.

The European Commission has proposed mobilizing €77 million from the agricultural reserve to support farmers in Austria, Czechia, Poland, and Portugal affected by severe climatic events and market disturbances. Allocations include €10 million for Austria, €15 million for Czechia, €37 million for Poland, and €15 million for Portugal. Countries can supplement this EU support with up to 200% in national funds. The aid addresses frost and hail damage in Austria, Czechia, and Poland, and market imbalances in Portugal's wine sector. Payments must be made by early 2025, with implementation details to be finalized soon.

## CONSUMER PROTECTION

### Commission opens in-depth State aid investigation into €6 billion German support measure to recapitalise Lufthansa in the context of coronavirus pandemic.

The European Commission has launched an in-depth investigation into a €6 billion German recapitalisation measure for Deutsche Lufthansa AG, initially approved under the COVID Temporary Framework but annulled by the General Court in May 2023. The measure includes equity and hybrid instruments, and required Lufthansa to meet several conditions, such as bans on dividends and management bonuses, and the divestment of slots at Frankfurt and Munich airports. The investigation will assess Lufthansa's eligibility, the need for state exit incentives, the pricing of share conversions, and Lufthansa's market power at other airports. This process allows Germany and third parties to submit comments.

## HEALTH

### Commission assessment shows the need to reinforce resilience of critical medicines supply chains

The European Commission's Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) has presented findings to the Critical Medicines Alliance (CMA) on supply chain vulnerabilities for 11 critical medicines. The report highlights the need to diversify supply sources, enhance production capacity, and develop robust risk management frameworks to prevent shortages. This report supports the CMA, EMA, the Commission, and Member States in addressing potential medicine shortages. It is part of the Commission's broader efforts, initiated in October 2023, to ensure the availability and security of critical medicines, focusing on those listed in the Union's list of over 200 critical substances.