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## **EU Commission: the Internet Forum gets bigger. “Fighting terrorists, criminal groups, child molesters”**

The EU Internet Forum is getting bigger, with the addition of five new members (Amazon, SoundCloud, Mistral AI, DailyMotion and the civil society organisation the Institute for Strategic Dialogue) pledging to fight harmful and illegal online contents. “Keeping the Internet free from illegal and harmful contents is essential to fight terrorists, criminal groups, child molesters and other groups involved in harmful and illegal activities”, explains a notice from Brussels that points out that the EU Commission, now at the end of its tenure, has “worked hard to make the Internet more secure and has adopted multiple initiatives in this area”. In particular, it mentions the Digital Services Act that requires platforms to implement measures to fight the distribution of illegal online contents. On this background, the EU Commission has opened multiple proceedings, especially against X and Meta, regarding their illegal contents. The EU Internet Forum was launched instead by the EU Commission in December 2015 to fight online violence, terrorism, online child abuse, drug trade and human trafficking. Now, the Forum includes 21 digital companies, the member states of the EU, the EU institutions and agencies, the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism, and the UN Counter-Terrorism Centre.

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