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**Subject:** First review of the Digital Market Act (DMA): Ensuring a Fair and Inclusive Consultation

## **Dear Executive Vice-Presidents**,

As Members of the European Parliament and longstanding advocates for fair competition and digital sovereignty, we welcome the launch of the public consultation on the first review of the Digital Markets Act (DMA), officially opened on **3 July 2025**. This process is a critical opportunity to ensure that the DMA remains a robust, effective, and future-proof tool to guarantee fair competition in the digital economy.

The DMA is a cornerstone of Europe's digital strategy. Its ambition is clear: to empower smaller, innovative actors to compete in a market historically dominated by a few global giants, while strengthening Europe's technological leadership and economic competitiveness. The stakes are high, for our economy, for innovation, and for the integrity of our democratic values.

At a time when geopolitical tensions are rising, and as the law becomes increasingly politicised, with the United States pressuring for exemptions for American companies and threatening retaliatory tariffs, it is essential that the EU remains firm in upholding its regulatory independence and capacity to act in the interest of all market participants, large and small.

One year into its application, it is time to reflect on the results. As co-legislators, we called for a timely review to ensure the DMA continues to evolve alongside the fast-paced digital environment.

Yet, while the consultation marks a welcome step, we worry about the tight timeframe for feedback. With the deadline set for **24 September**, stakeholders, especially SMEs, start-ups, and independent developers, have less than three months to analyse **complex regulatory material and prepare informed contributions.** This situation challenges those without



dedicated legal or public affairs teams and risks privileging the participation of well-resourced tech giants.

That is why the consultation must uphold the highest standards of balance, transparency, and inclusiveness. Smaller players, civil society, and the broader innovation ecosystem must have their voices heard and not be overshadowed by those the regulation aims to hold accountable.

We therefore urge the European Commission to:

- Clearly communicate the consultation's scope and purpose in accessible and practical terms to the wider public and smaller market actors;
- Provide targeted outreach and technical support to help SMEs and civil society contribute meaningfully;
- Ensure transparency about the diversity and representativeness of the responses;
- Commit to integrating this plurality of views into the conclusions and next steps of the review.

According to Article 53 of the DMA, the European Commission must report its findings to the European Parliament, the Council, and the European Economic and Social Committee. In this context, we ask how the Commission plans to involve the European Parliament throughout the review process, not only by delivering the final report but also by shaping the strategic direction of the evaluation and ensuring democratic accountability.

The credibility and legitimacy of the DMA rely not only on strong enforcement but also on a fair, inclusive, and institutionally balanced review process. We cannot allow powerful industry players to monopolize this consultation.

We remain committed to supporting a Digital Markets Act that fosters innovation, competition, and fairness.

We look forward to your response on how the Commission will ensure inclusive consultation and a meaningful role for the Parliament in the review.

Yours sincerely,

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