Digital Markets Act (6 December 2021)



Subject	EC proposed text	Council, 5 November	Parliament (IMCO), 19 November	ICCL's suggested amendments	Justification
1. Conditions of data combination	Article 5(1)a refrain from combining personal data sourced from these core platform services with personal data from any other services	Article 5(1)a not combine personal data sourced from any of these core platform services with personal data from any further core platform service or further	Article 5(1)a refrain from combining and cross-using personal data sourced from these core platform services with personal data from any other	Article 5(1)a not combine or cross- use personal data initially or primarily sourced from any of its core platform services with personal data from any	A flaw in Article 5(1)a would have the opposite effect to the Commission's intended limiting of gatekeeper data combining. The Commission and Council's use of "the specific choice" in the
	offered by the gatekeeper or with personal data from third-party services, and from signing in end users to other services of the gatekeeper in order to combine personal data, unless the end user has been presented with the specific choice and provided consent in the sense of Regulation (EU) 2016/679;	services offered by the gatekeeper or with personal data from third-party services, and not sign in end users to other services of the gatekeeper in order to combine personal data, unless the end user has been presented with the specific choice and provided consent in the sense of Article 6(1) point (a) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679. The gatekeeper may also rely on the legal basis included under Article 6(1) points (c), (d) and (e) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, where applicable;	services offered by the gatekeeper or with personal data from third-party services, and from signing in end users to other services of the gatekeeper in order to combine personal data, unless the end user has been presented with the specific choice in a explicit and clear manner, and has provided consent in the sense of Regulation (EU) 2016/679;	other service offered by the gatekeeper or with personal data from third-party services, nor sign in or register end users to other services of the gatekeeper, unless the end user has been given a clear request for each processing purpose that states the specific processing purpose, and the sources of the data, and the result of the combination or cross-use of the personal data, in line with the requirements under Article 4(11), Article 6(1) point (a), and Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.	singular creates an ambiguity, or may entirely negate, the GDPR "purpose limitation" principle (GDPR, Article 5(1)b). Gatekeepers can claim this allows them to combine their data with a single consent, as opposed to requiring a lawful basis for each processing purpose. (Note that combination is itself a "processing purpose", too). The anti-circumvention provisions in the Council and Parliament text do not adequately address this risk. Our experience of the supervision of gatekeeper firms gives no confidence that monitoring will adequately safeguard against this risk.
					This, and the Council's addition of other lawful bases in the final sentence of that paragraph, is a danger to fundamental rights – and to a contestable and fair digital sector that allows nascent competitors to introduce superior and better rights respecting



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			Article 5(1)(aa) NEW	We propose the addition of
			In the event that the end user	Article 5(1)aa to avoid people
			has been presented with the	being harassed by unending
			choice of giving consent to	consent prompts.
			the combination of data for	
			any processing purpose and	
			has not provided consent, or	
			has withdrawn consent, or the	
			end user's terminal equipment	
			signals his or her objection	
			to the processing of personal	
			data pursuant to Article 21(5)	
			of Regulation (EU) 2016/679,	
			the gatekeeper shall not	
			prompt again a consent	
			request and shall not exclude	
			access to the services nor offer	
			different or degraded services	
			compared to the services	
			offered to a business user or	
			end user that provided	
			consent.	
2. Combination		Article 6(1)(aa) NEW	Article 6(1)(aa) NEW	There are three reasons for this
of data for		for its own commercial	for its own commercial	ICCL's suggested amendment.
advertising		purposes, and the placement	purposes, and the placement	1. IMCO's amendment would
g		of third-party advertising in its	of third-party advertising in its	allow gatekeepers to lawfully
		own services, refrain from	own services, refrain from	combine any data for any
		combining personal data for	combining personal data for	processing purposes related
		the purpose of delivering	any processing purposes	to advertising, after a single
		targeted or micro-targeted	related to advertising, except	consent is given. This would
		advertising, except if a clear,	if the end user has	accidentally negate an
		explicit, renewed, informed	been given a clear request for	essential principle of the
		consent has been given to the	each processing purpose that	fundamental right to data
		gatekeeper in line with the	states the specific processing	protection, GDPR (the
		procedure foreseen in the	purpose, in line with the	"purpose limitation principle"
		Regulation (EU) 2016/679 by	requirements under Article	in Article 5(1)b, GDPR). It
		an end-user that is not a	4(11), Article 6(1) point (a), and	would also allow gatekeepers
		minor.	Article 7 of Regulation (EU)	to increase their market
			2016/679.	
			2010/0/9.	dominance, which will harm



	The use of special categories	publishers and media plurality, and prevent the
	of personal data in the	emergence of superior and
	meaning of Article 9 (1) of	better rights-respecting
	Regulation (EU) 2016/679 is	competitors.
	prohibited for any processing	competitors.
	purposes related to	2. ICCL believes there should be
	advertising, unless the person	a prohibition against using a
	concerned has given explicit	person's health, sexual
	consent to each processing	orientation, religion, political
	purpose, and to party that will	views, etc. for advertising.
	receive these sensitive data.	
	Explicit consent requires	3. IMCO mistakenly uses the
	consent by the user and	broad term "targeted
	confirmation of that consent	advertising", rather than
	by the user, before the data	"behavioural" or "tracking-
	can be processed.	based". This prohibition
		should be narrowed to
		include only advertising that
		relies on the processing of
		personal data.