

The Digital Clearinghouse met for the third time today.

It was attended by 26 authorities responsible for enforcement of competition, data protection and consumer law, from the EU and across the globe.

Discussions were informed by remarks from FTC Commissioner Rohit Chopra, the Hong Kong Privacy Commissioner Stephen Kay-yi Wong, as well as the European Data Protection Supervisor and the European Commission.

Regulators working in the digital area exchanged their views on fake news and voter manipulation, understanding of technical developments in AI and other areas, regulatory challenges in the digital economy, the relevance of personal data in competition enforcement and merger control, as well as in consumer enforcement, general fairness of platform privacy policies. Discussions also took place on cooperation between consumer protection authorities, and between consumer and data protection authorities.

As a follow-up to the second meeting, specific discussions among regulators of the digital space took place on collusive and personalised pricing and related theories of harm in the digital markets, unfair or harmful terms and conditions in free online services, and unethical, data collection and analysis for targeted marketing purposes.

Future steps and governance of the network were also discussed.

The next meeting of the Digital Clearinghouse will be organised for Autumn 2018.

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