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Trusted flagger activities under the Digital Services Act¹ (DSA) require adequate support. The Commission is now preparing the Guidelines on trusted flaggers, and Member States and Digital Services Coordinators (DSCs) are encouraged to provide capacity building and resources to trusted flaggers.

The proposed Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2028-2034² retains support for civil society organisations as a priority. The new AgoraEU programme will build on current programmes³ with an increased indicative budget of almost EUR 9 billion, strengthening democracy, providing support to media and civil society.

Safer Internet Centres⁴ run campaigns, produce educational material, and organise events about the protection of minors online. They also offer helplines for advice on harmful content and hotlines to report illegal content.

Through the European Board for Digital Services, DSCs meet to ensure consistent enforcement and cross-border cooperation. The working group on protection of minors is coordinating enforcement actions targeting pornographic platforms⁵ and actions to ensure compliance by smaller platforms with the DSA and the Guidelines on the protection of minors⁶.

The Commission, in cooperation with the DSCs, may issue guidelines to present best practices and recommend possible measures for relevant providers to comply with obligations to mitigate systemic risks.

To support an EU-wide age verification system, the Commission is developing a common approach with Member States and industry. In July, the Commission released an Age Verification Blueprint⁷ defining technical specifications considered a reference standard by the protection of minors guidelines, and a white-label app that Member States and other entities can further customise.

¹ Regulation - 2022/2065 - EN - DSA - EUR-Lex <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2065/oj/eng>.

² https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/long-term-eu-budget/eu-budget-2028-2034_en.

³ Such as Creative Europe and CERV.

⁴ Safer Internet Centres | Shaping Europe's digital future <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/safer-internet-centres>.

⁵ The European Board for Digital Services launches a coordinated action to reinforce the protection of minors as regards pornographic platforms | Shaping Europe's digital future <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/european-board-digital-services-launches-coordinated-action-reinforce-protection-minors-regards>.

⁶ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-takes-further-action-promote-safe-environment-minors>.

⁷ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-age-verification>.