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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera
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1. The Digital Markets Act (DMA)¹ aims to ensure fair and open markets in the EU, while respecting the highest standard of privacy, safety and security, in accordance with existing regulatory frameworks such as the the General Data Protection Regulation², Digital Services Act³ and Cyber Resilience Act⁴. And while gatekeepers are taking actions to support their own compliance with these acts, these actions should not undermine the DMA's goals of ensuring fairness and contestability.

The DMA clearly states that gatekeepers can apply measures to protect integrity when providing interoperability, if they are strictly necessary and proportionate. Gatekeepers need to show that such measures are justified. Such measures should not be a pretext to hinder developers' right to effective interoperability with operating system features that gatekeepers already make available to their own products.

2. The Commission engages in a continuous and comprehensive regulatory dialogue with gatekeepers on their interoperability obligation under Article 6(7) of DMA as well as with interested developers to ensure gatekeeper's effective compliance. This includes understanding possible difficulties in ensuring interoperability.

As part of this process, the Commission duly considers privacy, safety and security. Strong protections for integrity, security, and privacy, on the condition of non-discrimination, necessity and proportionality, equally benefit the gatekeeper's and third parties' products. Interoperability improves developers' opportunities to offer better and more innovative services, with improved privacy and security, to the benefit of users.

¹ https://digital-markets-act.ec.europa.eu/index_en.

² https://commission.europa.eu/law/law-topic/data-protection_en.

³ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/digital-services-act>.

⁴ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/cyber-resilience-act>.