

Make It Real:

Calls to Action for a Flourishing and Just Digital Europe

A flourishing and just digital Europe where every person can live and work with dignity requires two key ingredients: **trust and autonomy**.

We need **trust** in digital systems: tools that behave as claimed, that serve the interests of their users, providers that are held accountable, and guarantees of real redress for harm. **Trust requires a regulatory environment where rule of law holds, people's rights are upheld and abuses are stopped.**

To guarantee **autonomy** over our data, attention, choices, and over the systems that govern our lives we must address the structural dependencies that foreclose fair competition and leave us without genuine choice. **We can create and protect the conditions and the safeguards for all of us to fully participate in democratic life.**

We call on European Institutions and Member States to build this together through transparent, evidence-based, and inclusive processes.

Here's what we are calling for:

Protect our rights.



Europe's regulatory framework must be upheld and enforced so that anyone operating in the European market ceases manipulative, or addictive designs and dark patterns, discriminatory profiling and exploitative business practices - especially for those most at risk of discrimination and harm.

Create open, fair and sustainable digital markets.

Economic resilience requires healthy competition between market participants. This requires opening up the playing field through interoperability, rights-respecting data portability, and enforcing strict limits on gatekeeping. Digital markets must reward services that compete on quality, sustainability, and respect for rights.

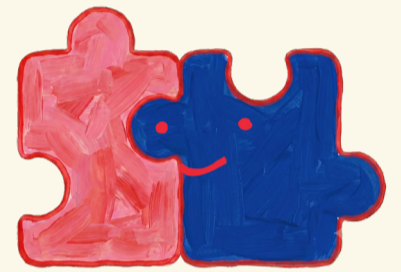


Foster collective autonomy and public interest infrastructures.

Regulate for digital commons and cooperatives that provide us an alternative to the concentration-of-gains economic models and redistribute gains equitably. Invest in decentralised protocols. Protect strong encryption and the right to communicate anonymously to foster free expression, journalism, and activism.



Make automation work for us and with us.



We must invest in human capability, through the provision of continuous, affordable education. We need to create space for society to adjust to technological changes, by providing easy access to analogue alternatives and social safety nets. When automated systems cause harm, redress must be accessible and deployers held accountable.

Place European values at the heart of the European tech ecosystem.

Public procurement must create markets for rights-respecting technology: public institutions must buy and use digital services that comply with EU law, minimise data collection, protect privacy and confidentiality, avoid lock-in, distribute power fairly, and respect workers and the environment.



Simplify access to rights and justice.

Simplification means making rights easier to exercise, compliance easier to understand, and enforcement easier to deliver - essential for trust in the EU's digital future.



Involve civil society, and affected communities in decision-making.

Civil society organisations, rights-holders and affected communities must be partners in the design, implementation, enforcement, and revision of digital policies.



Guarantee evidence-based, democratic deliberation.

Impact assessments and meaningful consultations must be mandatory before any regulatory proposal or revision, covering fundamental rights, equity, justice, sustainability, and enforcement capacity, as well as economic considerations. Decisions and the full reasoning behind them must be transparent: the evidence base, political choices, trade-offs, and how competing interests are weighted.



Enable research and guarantee oversight

Data providers, platforms, and AI systems must remain legally obligated to allow structured, timely, and meaningful access to data for independent researchers and regulators.



Resource and empower regulators.

EU and national regulatory bodies must be given stable funding by the Commission and by Member States, ensuring adequate staffing, technical capacity, investigatory tools, and cross-border cooperation mechanisms. EU and Member State regulators and enforcers must be able to cooperate across regulatory silos and strategically curb systemic non-compliance and market inefficiencies.



Reduce fragmentation and improve legal certainty.

Fragmentation across Member States creates gaps in protection for people and burdens for businesses. Standard templates and protocols for compliance with key digital laws, particularly where legal frameworks intersect will lower barriers for responsible actors and reduce abuses.



Sandbox new technologies and future-proof regulation.

EU institutions and Member States should fund regulatory sandboxes, governed by clear public interest criteria, that help smaller European businesses develop innovative digital products and services in compliance with the law.



Trust and autonomy are indivisible: they stand or fall together.

A Europe where people can act on their rights is both the democratic promise of the EU's founding treaties and the strongest foundation for a competitive, resilient and just digital economy that protects all people. The success of Europe's digital future must be measured by what it enables all of us to do, with dignity.

That is what we are building toward. That is what we are calling for.