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WHAT IS THE HARM IN SIZE?

VERY LARGE ONLINE PLATFORMS IN THE DSA

ASK QUESTIONS VIA SLI.DD,
USING THE HASHTAG [#CERREPLATFORMS](#)

CONCEPTS AND CONCERNS

LARGENESS = SYSTEMIC RISK?

- **Concepts** from competition policy, financial markets and regulation
- **Concerns** about public debate, public health, electoral processes, public security and the protection of fundamental rights

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL THEORY PERSPECTIVE

- Public harm principle
- Accumulative harm to social environment
- Harm from constraints of intermediary groups or social context
- Harm to rights; negative and positive obligations

SYSTEMIC RISK

- Contagion
- Extent of exposure
- Interconnection
- EU & Member State systems

CATEGORIES OF HARM

**ILLEGAL
CONTENT**

**FUNDAMENTAL
RIGHTS**

**MEDIA
PLURALISM**

**INTENTIONAL
MANUPULATION**

CATEGORIES OF HARM 1/4 ILLEGAL CONTENT

- Individual & public harm
- Degradation of the social environment through accumulation over time & spread
- Enabling gain of authority within intermediary group or social context

**ILLEGAL
CONTENT**

CATEGORIES OF HARM 2/4

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

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- Normalisation of consensual harm through accumulation
- Damaging states' ability to prevent impingement and fulfil positive obligations

CATEGORIES OF HARM 3/4

MEDIA PLURALISM

- Tie with competition issues related to external plurality
- Prioritisation & findability, user behaviour such as trolling & bullying, and other content issue impact experienced plurality

**MEDIA
PLURALISM**

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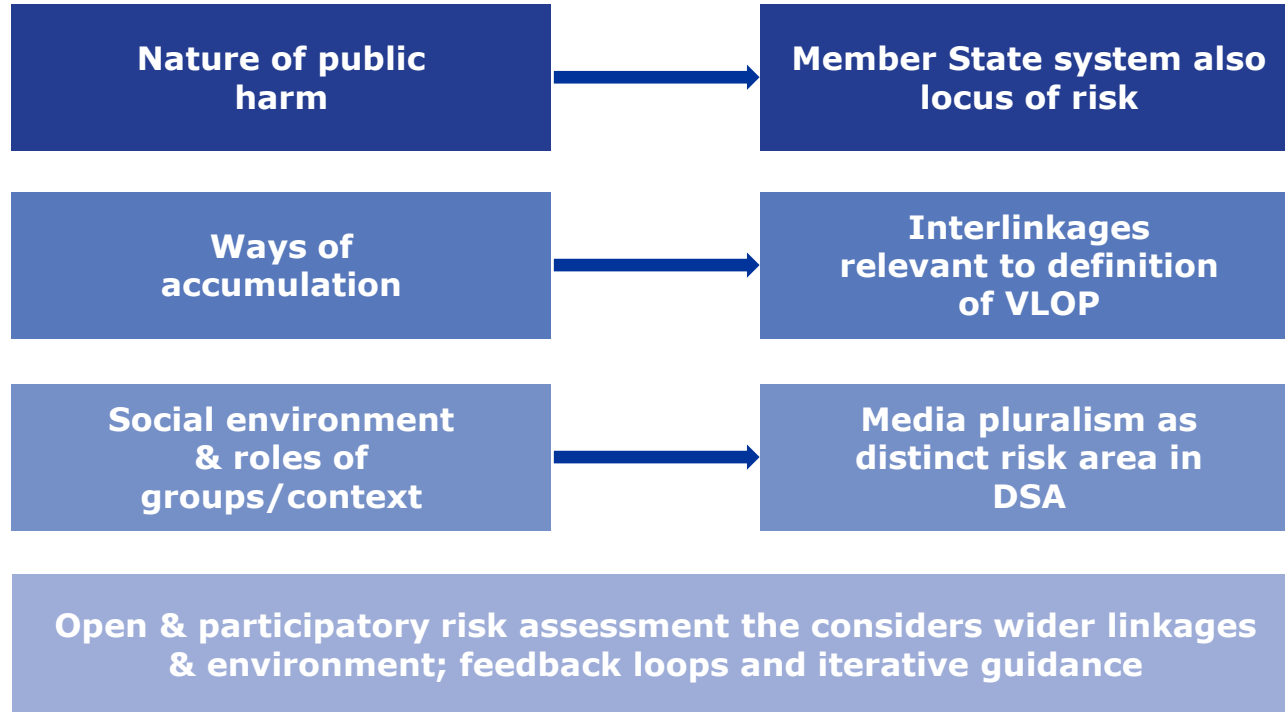
CATEGORIES OF HARM 4/4

INTENTIONAL MANIPULATION

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- Extent and nature of dissemination may depend on functionality & linkages, not just reach
- Harm to public institutions & systems as well as social context

CONCLUSION



THANK YOU!

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