

Why?:
People must not be afraid on the internet. That is why we need a law that applies everywhere in the EU.

Must or can?
must

Why?:
A law forces everyone to ask themselves: could my message be bullying? This makes people think more carefully about what they write.

Why?:
Above all, bullying must be deleted quickly. Companies must therefore look at what has been written. Offensive comments can be deleted quickly.

Companies or users?
the companies

Why?:
When they are not online, users often do not see comments with bullying immediately. Companies can see right away when someone writes something. They can quickly delete such comments.

■ EU member states
 ■ your country in the EU
 ▨ EU candidate countries
 ■ other European countries

Germany

Your country in the EU



Germany

MEMBER OF THE EU SINCE: 1952
CURRENCY: Euro (€)
CAPITAL: Berlin
LANGUAGE: German



European Union (EU)

MEMBER STATES: 27
HEADQUARTERS: Brussels, Belgium
OFFICIAL LANGUAGES: 24

DID YOU KNOW?

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Information on your country

Inhabitants



84 million

Time spent online (aged 9-11 years)



HOURS PER DAY: 1,5 h

Law against online bullying



EXISTS IN THE COUNTRY: yes

Why?:

Online bullying is a major problem. Children in particular are often affected. We need to do something about this quickly.

Why?:

We already have a law in Germany. This could be a good example for all countries in Europe. Then the law can be introduced quickly.

When?

this year

Why?:
The internet connects people all over Europe. That's why we should make a law together. This is the only way to protect children everywhere.

Must or can?

must

Why?:
If the law is only voluntary, many people will not comply with it. The law must apply to everybody; otherwise, nothing will change.

Why?:
Companies are responsible for what happens on their websites. That is why the companies must also delete the bullying comments.

Why?:
Companies like YouTube and WhatsApp have a lot of money. They can afford to hire new employees to search for bullying comments and delete them.

Companies or users?

the companies

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France

Your country in the EU



France

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1952
CURRENCY:	Euro (€)
CAPITAL:	Paris
LANGUAGE:	French



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Information on your country

Inhabitants



68 million

Time spent online
(aged 9-11 years)



HOURS PER DAY: 1,5 h

Law against
online bullying



EXISTS IN THE COUNTRY: yes

When?

this year

Why?:

Bullying on the internet can be very bad. We must therefore do something immediately to put an end to it.

Why?:

We already have very strong laws in France and are also planning new ones, so we can implement a European law quickly.



Why?:
We in Austria already have a good law against bullying and hate on the internet. We do not need the same rules for the entire EU.

Why?:
The countries in the EU are very different. Many countries have their own laws. These often suit the country better than one law for the entire EU would.

Must or can?
can

Why?:
A good law tells companies when comments contain bullying. Companies can then delete these comments.

Why?:
The companies know their websites very well. They should check for themselves where there is bullying and delete these comments.

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the companies

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Austria

Your country in the EU



Austria

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1995
CURRENCY:	Euro (€)
CAPITAL:	Vienna
LANGUAGE:	German



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Information on your country

Inhabitants



9 million

Time spent online
(aged 9-11 years)



HOURS PER DAY: 1,5 h

Law against
online bullying



EXISTS IN THE COUNTRY: yes

Why?:

We must protect everyone on the internet. This is only possible if we have clear rules and laws.

Why?:

The internet is also becoming increasingly important for children. We need a law quickly. That is why we should introduce the law next year.



When?

next year



Why?:
Making laws is good, but it is much more important to teach children how they should behave on the internet. That way, they can react well to bullying themselves.

Why?:
In Belgium, we do not have a special law for bullying on the internet, but we do not need one. The normal laws against bullying also apply on the internet.

Must or can?

can

Why?:
Users can best say for themselves: This comment is bullying for me. Companies are not so good at deciding that.

Why?:
A lot of comments are written every day. It is too much work and can take a long time to read them. Companies are therefore unable to recognize comments containing bullying quickly.

Companies or users?

the users

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Belgium

Your country in the EU



Belgium

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1952
CURRENCY:	Euro (€)
CAPITAL:	Brussels
LANGUAGE:	Dutch, French, German



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Information on your country

Inhabitants



12 million

Time spent online (aged 9-11 years)



HOURS PER DAY: 2,5 h

Law against online bullying



EXISTS IN THE COUNTRY: yes



Why?:

Bullying on the internet is a big problem. But it is also very important to be able to express your opinion freely on the internet. We have to be careful that a law does not restrict this.

Why?:

It is very difficult for companies to read and delete so many comments. We should allow enough time for companies to prepare for this.



When?

in five years



Why?:
It is important that people can speak openly and freely on the internet, but this must not lead to people being bullied. That is why we need a law.

Must or can?

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Why?:
With clear rules, everyone knows: I can say this and I cannot say that on the internet. That way we protect everyone, especially children.

Why?:
Most people in Sweden know exactly which comments are bullying. They are best positioned to decide.

Why?:
Companies should not be allowed to decide what can and cannot be said on the internet. They could end up deleting harmless comments. That must not happen.

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Sweden

Your country in the EU



Schweden

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1995
CURRENCY:	Swedish Krona
CAPITAL:	Stockholm
LANGUAGE:	Swedish

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Information on your country

Inhabitants



10 million

Time spent online
(aged 9-11 years)



HOURS PER DAY: 2 h

Law against
online bullying



EXISTS IN THE COUNTRY: no



Why?:

It is very important that we do something about bullying on the internet. Everyone should be able to use the internet without fear.



When?

in two years

Why?:

We should think carefully about what we write into the law. Otherwise it could be that some people will no longer be able to express their opinion. That takes a bit of time.



Why?:
It may be very important for some countries to protect children from bullying and hate on the internet. However, each country should decide for itself how this works best.

Must or can?

can

Why?:
There are always arguments in the school playground or online. Children need to learn how to deal with them and settle disputes themselves. We do not need a law for this.

Why?:
Companies also want people to feel comfortable on their websites. That is why they search for and delete bullying comments. They have a lot of experience and are good at it.

Why?:
It is a lot of work for companies when they have to implement such laws. The internet should be free. Companies must be able to decide for themselves which comments they find acceptable.

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Poland

Your country in the EU



Poland

EU MEMBER SINCE: 2004

CURRENCY: Złoty (zł)

CAPITAL: Warsaw

LANGUAGE: Polish



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Information on your country

Inhabitants



38 million

Time spent online
(aged 9-11 years)



HOURS PER DAY: 2 h

Law against
online bullying



EXISTS IN THE COUNTRY: no

Why?:

We see: More and more children are spending time online. We think that's a good thing. You can express your opinion freely here. We should not limit this through laws.

Why?:

We have laws to protect people from bullying in the schoolyard or on the street. That is enough. We do not need a new law for the internet.

When?

never

Why?:
If we make a good law, it should also apply throughout the EU. The internet connects people from Romania with people all over Europe - therefore, the rules must also apply to everyone!

Why?:
In Romania, we have many people who speak a different language and have a different culture. They are often bullied on the internet. We have to stop that.

Must or can?
must

Why?:
Technically, it makes the most sense for the companies to view and delete the comments. If users have to report something first, bullying comments can sometimes remain online for a long time.

Why?:
The companies know best how their websites work. They are therefore also best positioned to search for bullying on the websites.

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Romania

Your country in the EU



Romania

EU MEMBER SINCE:	2007
CURRENCY:	Leu (L)
CAPITAL:	Bucharest
LANGUAGE:	Romanian



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Information on your country

Inhabitants



19 million

Time spent online
(aged 9-11 years)



HOURS PER DAY: 2 h

Law against
online bullying



EXISTS IN THE COUNTRY: no

When?

in five years

Why?:

Setting rules for the internet is difficult. You have to check that they are being adhered to. That is complicated.

Why?:

It would be good to wait a little longer before passing a law. It is an important issue, so we should take our time to pass a good law.

Why?:
The problem of bullying on the internet exists throughout the EU. Children are spending more and more time on the internet. We need to protect them effectively.

Must or can?

must

Why?:
Many people talk to people from other countries on the internet. Everyone should have the same protection.

Why?:
Companies should not have the right to decide what is bullying and what is not. Users must do that themselves.

Why?:
Most people are very good at telling when something is funny or meant as a joke and when it is bullying. We should trust the people here.

Companies or users?

the users

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Spain

Your country in the EU



Spain

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1986
CURRENCY:	Euro (€)
CAPITAL:	Madrid
LANGUAGE:	Spanish



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Inhabitants



47 million

Time spent online
(aged 9-11 years)



HOURS PER DAY: 2 h

Law against
online bullying



EXISTS IN THE COUNTRY: yes

Why?:

The protection of our citizens is very important to us. Children in particular often suffer from bullying. We have to change that!

Why?:

We have had a law against bullying on the internet in Spain since 2013, so we can act quickly.



When?

next year

