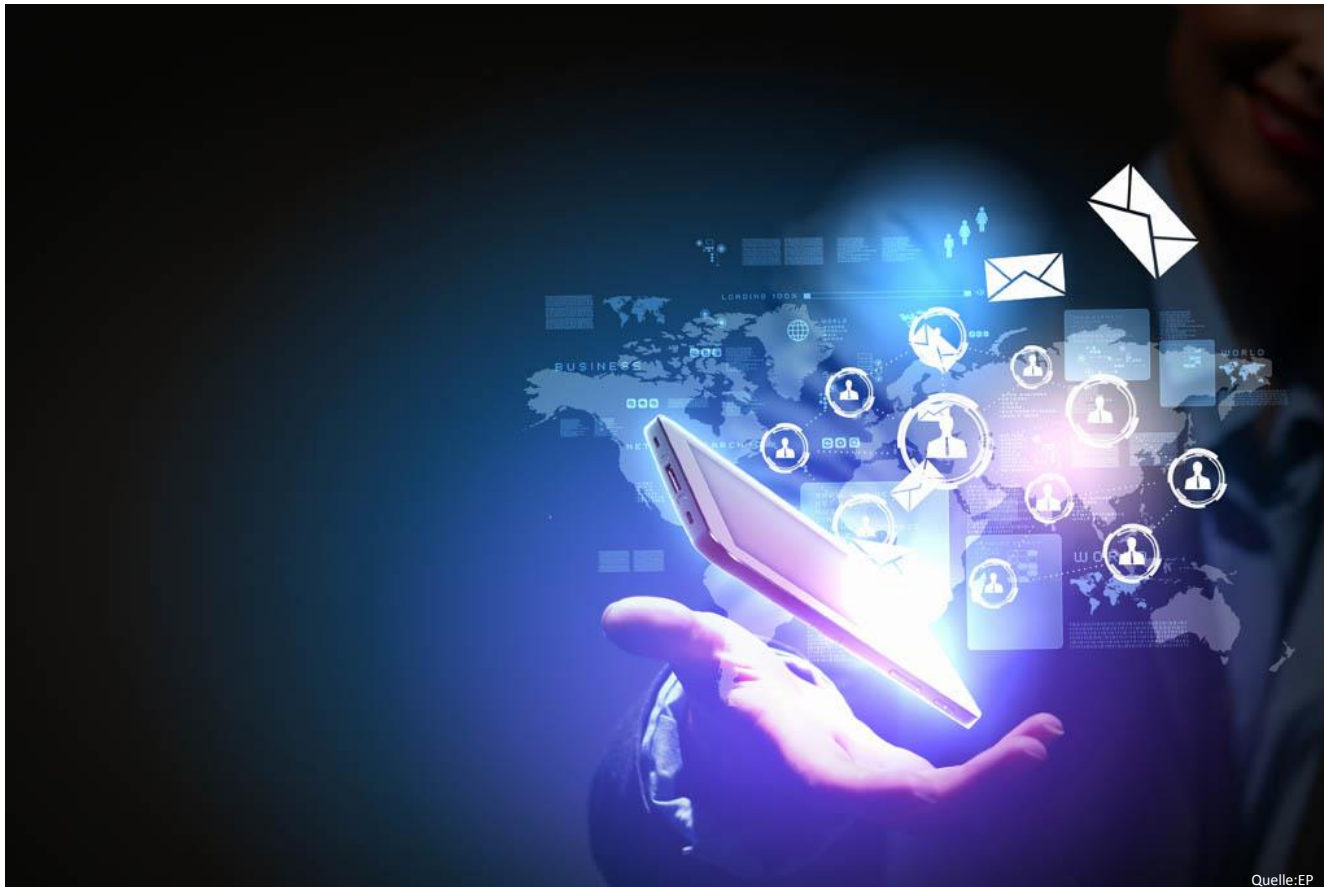


Dear Sir or Madam,

State Secretary **Thomas Losse-Müller**, Head of the State Chancellery of Schleswig-Holstein, and the **Hanse-Office** have the pleasure to invite you to the following lunch reception and expert discussion



The Fight against Hate Speech under the new AVMSD proposal – *What obligations for video-sharing and social media platforms?* –

2nd March 2017, 12h30 – 17h00

at the Hanse-Office, Avenue Palmerston 20, 1000 Brussels.



While the dissemination of hate speech via video-sharing and social media platforms continues to grow, the voluntary efforts of those platforms to tackle the problem leaves something to be desired. This raises the question **whether, how and to what extent video-sharing and social media platforms shall be obliged to delete hate speech from their websites under the future AVMS directive.**

After an illustration of the existing situation on the internet with regard to the dissemination of public incitements to violence or hatred, representatives of relevant platforms will be invited to show their current efforts to combat harmful audiovisual contents. Building on that, the following questions shall be discussed with representatives of the European Commission, the co-rapporteurs of the European Parliament, representatives of the Member States and other stakeholders:

- Which are the areas that need to be improved with regard to the current voluntary efforts of video-sharing and social media platforms to fight hate speech?
- How could a better balance be struck between the interests of the users uploading contents, relevant platforms and public interests?
- How could the chosen approach under the proposal for an updated AVMS directive be improved to make it future-proof for the next ten years? Should the liability privileges of the eCommerce directive be maintained?
- What should be the role of the Member States and their regulatory bodies in the fight against hate speech on video-sharing and social media platforms?

We would be delighted, if you could attend the event. Please **confirm your participation** by replying to events@hanse-office.de by **24th February 2017 at the latest.**

The event will be held in English.