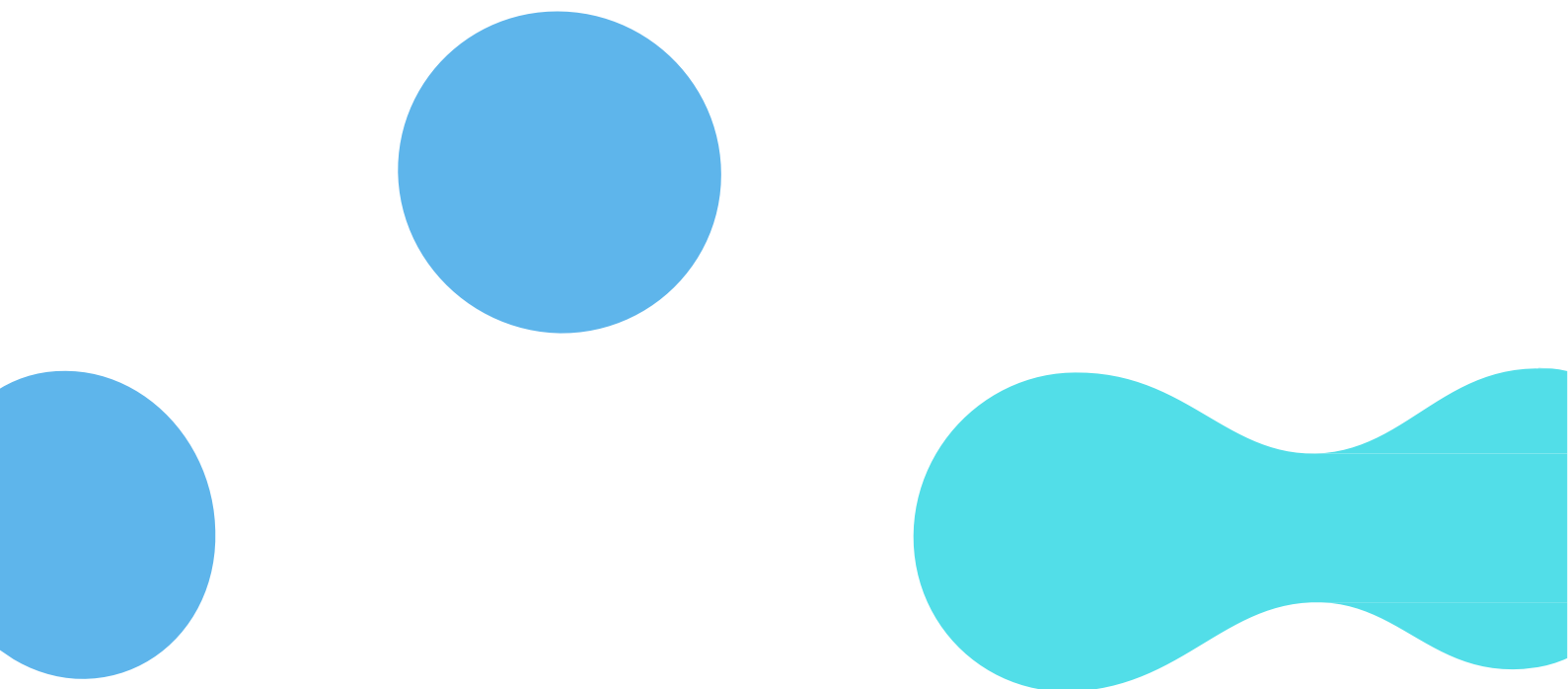




Global  
**Online Safety Regulators**  
Network

# Position Statement

Supervision of Platforms



## Introduction

The Global Online Safety Regulators Network (the Network') is the first dedicated forum for independent online safety regulators around the world, enabling regulators to share experience, expertise, and evidence, paving the way for coherent international approaches to online safety regulation.

In 2025, the Network established a time-limited Supervision of Platforms Working Group (the Working Group) to strengthen capability, best practice, and coherence within the Network on industry supervision efforts. Working Group membership was open to interested parties on an opt-in basis and met on a bi-monthly virtual basis throughout 2025 to share experiences and insights and develop principles of good practice supervision. The Working Group was comprised of a subset of Members and Observers with representatives from the eSafety Commissioner (Chair), Autoriteit online Terroristisch en Kinderpornografisch Material, Coimisiún na Meán, the Film and Publication Board, the Canadian Centre for Child Protection, the Internet Watch Foundation, 5Rights Foundation and the Department of Canadian Heritage.

## Supervision in online safety regulation

As the breadth and severity of online harm continues to grow with the emergence of new technologies, and the increasing scale and influence of online platforms and services, industry supervision can enable regulators to support platforms in meeting their regulatory requirements.

As an early output, the Working Group agreed to a guiding definition of industry supervision as *'a form of engagement with industry that aims to promote a platform's compliance with their regulatory obligations and is based on the understanding of their services and operations. It may include monitoring compliance, cooperating with the platform, resolving issues on a voluntary basis and interventions when appropriate.'*

The Working Group discussed approaches, priorities and challenges in platform supervision, and considered ways to cooperate across jurisdictions and across Members and Observers of the Network. This included noting the clear remit of Members as regulators to establish and maintain a supervision function and highlighting the value of Observers in informing and supporting this work.

This position statement has been drafted as a public commitment from the Network to a shared understanding of the supervision of platforms, and to commit to continued engagement to support regulatory coherence. This statement is in addition to the Network's commitment to strengthening regulatory coherence and coordination in its [Position Statement on Regulatory coherence and coordination: the role of the Global Online Safety Regulators Network](#).

## Statement

*"We, the Global Online Safety Regulator's Network, affirm our commitment to playing our respective parts in continuing to inform, develop and implement good practice supervision, and collaborate to deepen regulatory coherence across the Global Online Safety Regulators Network on platform supervision efforts.*

*We recognise that undertaking robust supervision is a multi-sector effort across governments, civil society, non-government organisations and academia, and we will continue to seek new opportunities for collaboration and exchange to strengthen global regulation efforts."*

## Future collaboration

The Network will continue to develop and implement good practice supervision, leveraging information, insights, and share learnings across the Network to inform supervision efforts.

The Network recognizes the value in collaboration to achieve best practice supervision and will continue to work with the global online safety community to inform best practices, and support the broader efforts that seek to strengthen global regulatory coherence.

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