Law.com International quoted Diletta De Cicco throughout a December 14 article titled “The EU is About to Roll Out a GDPR-Sized Data Law. Are You Ready?” The article discusses how the EU’s Digital Services Act is expected to reset the rules around online content moderation and to reframe the responsibility of platforms for illegal content uploaded to their websites. Privacy lawyers in Brussels say the act is set to have as wide a reach and as deep an impact as the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

According to De Cicco, whether or not the proposal will bring more legal certainty for large tech companies will depend on how clearly terms like "illegal content" are for instance defined. It also remains to be seen how the proposed bill will interact with other pieces of legislation targeting online platforms such as the GDPR, the upcoming ePrivacy Regulation and still-to-be-proposed legislation of artificial intelligence.

"I think one of the interesting things to check when the Digital Services Act will go out is to see how the European Union will be able to ensure coherence among the various pieces of legislation that are [out there] now and that apply to large platforms, and how they will ensure that those pieces interplay with each other in the right sense in a way that they indeed provide legal certainty rather than raising confusion," De Cicco says.

The full article can be read at Law.com International (subscription required).