

Qwant co-signs the request for a tripartite meeting between Google and the European Commission

Ms Margrethe Vestager

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RE: Request for Trilateral Meeting among Google, the European Commission, and Alternative Search Engines to Improve Search Preference Menu (Google Android 40099)

Dear Executive Vice President Vestager,

We are companies operating search engines that compete against Google. As you know, we are deeply dissatisfied with the so-called remedy created by Google to address the adverse effects of its anticompetitive conduct in the Android case. We understand that Google regularly updates you regarding its pay-to-play auction, but it appears that you may not be receiving complete or accurate information.

We are writing to request a trilateral meeting with your office, ourselves, and Google, with the goal of establishing an effective preference menu. Our respective designees could work in advance to create a tight agenda for this meeting to ensure it is productive and collaborative.

We are heartfelt supporters of the Commission's ambition to remediate entrenched Google competition harms. We are asking to put these intentions into practice now, making full use of your existing tools.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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About Qwant

Designed and developed in France, Qwant is the first European search engine to have its own web indexing technology, which protects the privacy of its users by refusing any tracking device for advertising purposes. Unlike the main search engines on the market, Qwant does not install any cookies on the user's browser, does not try to find out who he is or what he does, and does not keep a history of the requests made. With a warm interface that leaves plenty of room for results, Qwant allows you to efficiently find the information you are looking for across the web and social networks, while respecting total neutrality. Qwant processes all indexed sites and services without discrimination, without modifying the order of results according to its own interests or the user's sensitivities. https://www.qwant.com

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