

## **PRESS RELEASE**

## Qwant's reaction: EU justice confirms Google's fine for competition infringement

This morning, the European Court of Justice confirmed the 4.12 billion euro fine imposed on Google for abuse of its dominant position in the Android operating system.

Qwant, the leading privacy-friendly search engine in France and Europe, is delighted with this decision, which in the context of the Digital Market Act (DMA), raises the stakes of a battle announced around the concrete implementation of the measures of this new legislation. Qwant will be an observer of the measures and of the proper implementation of the DMA.

"This decision is indicative of a collective awareness of the need to preserve freedom of choice for Internet users and competition in the search engine and browser markets. The next step is the implementation of the Digital Market Act, which will be in live from 2023: a constructive and collaborative approach must be put in place to ensure that gatekeepers do not circumvent their legal obligations" said Corinne Lejbowicz, president of Qwant.

"This decision opens the way for search engines like Qwant, which deserve to be on the same level as Google, in the list of options on Android. Users must have the possibility of choice and not be dictated a default configuration and way of thinking" adds Raphaël Auphan, CEO of Qwant.

As a reminder: Qwant published on July 5, 2022, with DuckDuckGo and Ecosia, a <u>Public Letter</u> with 10 recommendations to fairly apply the Digital Markets Act.

## **About Qwant**

Developed in France and leader in Europe, Qwant is the search engine that respects the privacy of its users by protecting their personal digital data.

Qwant develops its own web indexing technology, designed to provide unbiased, exhaustive and unprofiled search results. Qwant provides a search service with zero search tracking, zero advertising tracking and zero sale of personal data.

In addition to <u>Qwant Search</u>, <u>Qwant Maps</u>, a mapping service, and <u>Qwant Junior</u>, a search engine dedicated to 6-12 years old, Qwant offers <u>Qwant VIPrivacy</u>, a browser extension that allows users to browse the web without being subject to ad tracking. Qwant has 6 million monthly users. Find Qwant on desktop and on iOS and Android mobile applications.

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