Remembering and Forgetting:
Considering Recent EU Policies Toward Digital Media

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La Commission européenne déclare la guerre à Google

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Vous êtes une illustre inconnue ! Il a fallu vous googler pour savoir qui vous étiez !

Vous avez essayé avec d'autres moteurs de recherche ? Juste pour voir ? ...

Margrethe Vestager
“Our European Union is not in a good state. There is not enough Europe in this Union. And there is not enough Union in this Union”

--Jean-Claude Juncker, State of the European Union address
September 9, 2015
“One way or another, the EU has attempted since the mid-1980s to institute a policy that will “Europeanize” the whole communication sector of its member states. This policy has sought, on the one hand, to harmonize and protect the media sector...and, on the other, to make it competitive in both the internal European market and the global market...At another level, perhaps, it has also tried to protect European cultural identity from the ‘American challenge’”.

La viuda de un ertzaina asesinado rechaza la intervención de la AVT

Alega que su marido disentía de las ideas de Victimas del Terrorismo

BILBAO (Agencia) - Rosa Rodero, viuda del sargento Joseba Goikoetxea, asesinado por ETA en noviembre de 1993, ha pedido a la Asociación Victimas del Terrorismo que retire la acción popular que emprende la Asociación de la familia en el mismo, argumentando que esta no está en los ánimos de su marido.

La presentación de la petición ante el juez de orden Público de Bilbao ha sido denegada.

Rodero ha argumentado que su marido "se sentía más cómodo con quienes no formaban parte de la tesis del terrorismo" y que "no venía al caso".

"No me parece justo que me obliguen a un acto similar al que me fue imposibilitado a mi marido", ha dicho.

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VENDA DIRECTA D'IMMOBLES

La Direcció Provincial de la Tramuntana General de la Seguritat Social de Barcelona, anuncia la venda per gestió directa d'immobles que a continuació es degana.

Les condicions de preu dels immobles permeten un cert arrossiment a les escoles, que han estat preusat a un preu de 15.000 euros.

La venda de les escoles es degana el dia 19 de març a les 10 hores.

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Meitat indivisa d'un solar al carrer Baix, 55 d'Esparreguera, propietat de DANIEL COCA MAGDALENO. Superfície: 160 m². Sense càrregues. No es consideraran ofertes inferiors a 1.300.000 ptes.

Las dues meitats indivises d'un habitatge al carrer Montseny, 8, de Cervelló, propietat de MARIO COSTEJA GÓNZÁLEZ i ALICIA VARGAS COTS, respectivament. Superfície: 90 m². Càrregues: 8,5 milions de ptes. No es consideraran ofertes inferiors a 650.000 ptes. per cada una de les meitats.

Meitat indivisa d'un habitatge unifamiliar al carrer Begonia, 8, de l'Urb. Mas d'en Gall d'Esparreguera, propietat d'ALFREDO FERNÁNDEZ FERNÁNDEZ. Superfície (total): 317 m². Càrregues: 6,2 milions de ptes. No es consideraran ofertes inferiors a 700.000 ptes.

Meitat indivisa d'un habitatge al carrer Argelinas, 68, de Olesa de Montserrat, propietat de MANUEL REDONDO MONTORO. Superfície: 42 m². Sense càrregues. No es consideraran ofertes inferiors a 400.000 ptes.
Therefore, if it is found, following a request by the data subject pursuant to Article 12(b) of Directive 95/46, that the inclusion in the list of results displayed following a search made on the basis of his name of the links to web pages published lawfully by third parties and containing true information relating to him personally is, at this point in time, incompatible with Article 6(1)(c) to (e) of the directive because that information appears, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, to be inadequate, irrelevant or no longer relevant, or excessive in relation to the purposes of the processing at issue carried out by the operator of the search engine, the information and links concerned in the list of results must be erased.

From *Google Spain v AEPD and Mario Costeja Gonzalez*, European Court of Justice, 13 May 2014.
“For example, if an individual has given her or his consent to processing for a specific purpose, e.g. display on a social networking site, and does not want this service anymore, than there is no reason to keep the data in the system. In particular, when children have made data about themselves accessible, often without fully understanding the consequences, they must not be stuck with the consequences of that choice for the rest of their lives.”

From European Commission – Fact Sheet
“Questions and Answers – Data Protection Reform”
December 21, 2015
URL removal request totals

The graph below shows data on the percentages of URLs we have reviewed and processed. The figures on the right are based on the total number of requests received. These data date back to the launch of our official request process on May 29, 2014.

Total URLs that Google has evaluated for removal: 1,315,775 URLs

Total requests Google has received: 371,868 requests

The graph reflects URLs that have been fully processed, while the figures above reflect the total evaluated. URLs that require more information or are pending review are not included in the graph.

From Google Transparency Report
Sites that are most impacted

The list below highlights the domains where we’ve removed the most URLs from search results.

Of total URLs requested for removal from search results, these top ten sites account for 9%

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Examples of requests we encounter

These are examples of requests we've received from individuals. In assessing each request, Google must consider the rights of the individual as well as public interest in the content.

After we removed a news story about a minor crime, the newspaper published a story about the removal action. The Information Commissioner’s Office ordered us to remove the second story from search results for the individual’s name. We removed the page from search results for the individual’s name.
A story about a **British former convent girl who was jailed in France for running a ring of 600 call girls** throughout Europe in 2003. Police were tipped-off about Margaret MacDonald's operation by a former colleague following an argument.

A second article, entitled **The vice queen of Windsor**, detailing MacDonald's arrest and the allegations made against her, has also had its link removed.

• An article from 2008 about a former Harrow pupil, Alex Fiallos, who returned to his halls of residence after a night out drinking and **drove his £4,000 car around the grounds at speeds of 30mph before crashing**. He eventually collided with a set of steps in a scene reminiscent of the 1969 cult classic movie starring Michael Caine. His parents had given him the silver Mini just the day before.

• A story which includes a section taken from the **rambling "war plan" of Anders Behring Breivik to massacre 100 people**.

• A story from 2009 on our property page documenting how Paul and Fiona Godwin-Brown and their two boys Tom and Charlie **gave up pressured London life** and moved into a rolling Devon valley.
Proposal for a

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on ensuring the cross-border portability of online content services in the internal market
Stop geo-blocking and boost e-commerce and digital innovation, says Parliament

Geo-blocking consumers’ online access to goods and services on the basis of their IP address, postal address or the country of issue of credit cards is unjustified and it must stop, says Parliament in a resolution voted on Tuesday. MEPs want Europe to seize the opportunities opened up by new technologies, such as Big Data, cloud computing, the Internet of Things or 3D-printing, and to have an innovation-friendly policy towards online platforms.

MEPs want to help consumers and firms to seize the opportunities of the digital revolution © AP Images/ European Union-EP

The 16 digital single market initiatives announced by the European Commission last May to boost the
Europe wants to stop geo-blocking on Netflix and RTE

Watching Netflix or the RTE Player may soon be possible right across Europe with no ‘geo-restrictions’ or country-by-country blocking, if the European Commission gets its way.
From press release
Julia Reda
(EPP Germany)

“End Geoblocking: We need more than just roaming for Netflix”

September 12, 2015
Creating a Digital Single Market
Bringing down barriers to unlock online opportunities

TRAVEL WITH YOUR ONLINE CONTENT ACROSS THE EU

FILMS, SERIES, GAMES, SPORTS, NEWS BROADCASTS, MUSIC AND E-BOOKS
IT'S COMPLICATED

Does Europe hate Google or hate America?

Leo Mirani, “Does Europe hate Google or hate America”, Quartz, May 4 2015
"Our ambition is to do global licensing and global originals, so that over maybe the next five, 10, 20 years, it’ll become more and more similar until it’s not different"..."We don’t buy only for Canada; we’re looking ... for all territories; buying a singular territory is not very interesting any more"

--Neil Hunt, Netflix Executive at Consumer Electronic Show, January 10, 2016

A modern, more European copyright law: legislative proposals will follow before the end of 2015 to reduce the differences between national copyright regimes and allow for wider online access to works across the EU, including through further harmonisation measures. The aim is to improve people's access to cultural content online – thereby nurturing cultural diversity – while opening new opportunities for creators and the content industry.

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