The DMA still needs to be formally approved by the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament which is expected to happen in July 2022. Once this process is complete, the final DMA text will be published in the EU Official Journal, which could be as early as October 2022. However, now that the text is final, we can anticipate the following timeline for its implementation.
DMA Timeline

**Est. Oct. 2022**
 DMA enters into force
20 days after publication in the Official Journal of the EU

**6 Months**

**Est. Mar. 2023**
 DMA enters into application
All provisions of the text, including obligations

**Est. Oct. 2024**
 At least once a year European Commission reviews whether new gatekeepers or CPS should be added

**Est. Oct. 2026**
 At least every three years. Review of the status of gatekeeper

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**Designation of Gatekeepers (Ordinary Procedure)**

- **Company meets the thresholds to be designated as a gatekeeper**
  - **2 Months**
    - Company notifies itself as a gatekeepers
  - **45 days**
    - Commission designates the company’s core platform service(s) & adds the company on the gatekeepers list
  - **6 Months**
    - Gatekeeper has to comply with obligations gatekeeper service(s) of Articles 5 and 6

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**Regulatory dialogue**

- Commission finds that measures the gatekeeper intends to/has implemented are not effective
  - Or
  - Gatekeeper requests the opening of proceedings to define if the adopted measures are effective

- Commission opens proceedings

- **3 Months**
  - The EC communicates its preliminary findings and publishes a non-confidential summary of the case

- **3 Months**
  - The EC allows third parties, including SMEs, to submit comments to the EC on the non-confidential summary

- **Commission shall adopt a decision to specify the measures the gatekeeper shall take**