

Year in Review 2024

Digital Law and Intellectual Property

This year, the Pérez-Llorca Digital Law and Intellectual Property Year in Review is presented in a podcast format. In an exclusive conversation, our partners analyse the main regulatory developments and trends of 2024, addressing how artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, digital platforms and other key regulations have impacted the legislative and judicial agenda in Europe and Spain. In the following infographic you will find a visual breakdown of the most relevant milestones that have redefined the digital and technology ecosystem in 2024, along with a review of the trends and challenges that will set the agenda for 2025.



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The year of the *Artificial Intelligence Act*

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Artificial intelligence

- Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 on Artificial Intelligence. Published in July and in force since 1 August, it establishes a risk-based framework for the development and use of AI and marks a paradigm shift.
- On 24 January 2024, the **European Commission (EC)** approved the creation of the new European Artificial Intelligence Office.
- AI Liability Directive: **The legislative procedure in the European Parliament is ongoing.**



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Digital platforms and intermediation services

- **Digital Services Regulation (DSA)**: Applicable and enforceable from 17 February 2024.
- **Royal Decree 444/2024, of 30 April**, regulating the requirements for being considered an especially significant user of video exchange services through a platform, in development of Article 94 of General Law 13/2022, of 7 July, on Audiovisual Communication.
- **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2835 of 4 November 2024**, laying down templates concerning the transparency reporting obligations of providers of intermediary services and of providers of online platforms under Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
- **Directive (EU) 2024/2831 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024** on improving working conditions in platform work.

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Key judgments

- TJUE - *Sony v Datel (C-159/23)* (17 October 2024).
- TJUE - *Kwantum v Vitra (C-227/23)* (24 October 2024).
- Supreme Court - *LaLiga v AEPD* (15 July 2024).
- CJEU - *Auction of personal data for advertising purposes (C-604/22, IAB)*.



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Cybersecurity and Digital Resilience

- **Cyber Resilience Act (EU) 2024/2847**: Published on 20 November, it brings to a close a legislative process that began in 2022.
- **DORA**: Although in force since 2023, it will apply from 17 January 2025.
- **NIS2 Directive**: Strengthens cybersecurity in the EU; Member States had to implement it by 17 October 2024. **The Draft Law on Cybersecurity Coordination and Governance was recently published.**
- **Royal Decree 443/2024** to guarantee the security of 5G networks in Spain.



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Other key regulations

- **Directive (EU) 2024/2853 of 23 October 2024** on liability for defective products.
- **Regulation (EU) 2024/1183 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024**, amending Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 as regards establishing the European Digital Identity Framework.
- **Guidelines 1/2024 on processing personal data based on the legitimate interest of the controller** (under Article 6(1)(f) of the GDPR).
- Analysis of the use of open source software with free licences.



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Trends for 2025

- **Digitisation as a regulated sector**: increased responsibility for Boards of Directors and senior management.
- **Regulatory developments in digital entertainment, including:**
 - Protection of minors in digital environments (**Draft Organic Law in Spain**).
 - Promotion of European works and co-official languages.
 - Law on Cinema and Audiovisual Culture: Revisited and sent to Parliament.