Mozilla reactive statement eIDAS trilogue agreement / 8th November 2023

The wording of article 45 in the near-final eIDAS regulation raises serious concerns about the future of web security, [potentially](#) opening up individuals to surveillance by weakening security standards. From the outset, Mozilla has been engaging with stakeholders to underline these concerns, which we share with over [500 cyber security experts, researchers and NGOs](#).

We understand that the EU negotiators have tried to address these concerns in last-minute changes to the negotiated text, which has still not been published for public scrutiny. The [press release](#) following the agreement has some potentially promising language suggesting that *"the requirement to QWACs does not affect browser security policies"*. However, given the state of the near-final text of the legislation last week, how this could have been achieved is difficult to see and we cannot assess the impact of such changes until the text is made public.

Looking ahead, the publication of the agreed-upon text is not the last step. The text will need official approval by the Parliament and the EU Member States over next few months, although this is usually a pro-forma. After that, the text will need to be implemented. We will continue to engage with all relevant stakeholders, including the security community, cybersecurity experts and academia throughout this process, paying particular attention to the practical implementation of the agreed principles (implementing acts) in order to ensure that eIDAS will not enable surveillance and interception of web traffic, and ensure the secure access of EU citizens to the internet.