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Comments on the draft fact-finding and scoping study		
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0	0	We feel the methodology applied to collect the information that is the basis of the study is insufficiently detailed to enable an evaluation of the content. In particular, we would appreciate to have more detailed information on the questions used for the semi-structured interviews as well as on the profile and distribution of the 55 individuals interviewed amongst the mentioned categories (academic researchers, industry representatives, database managers, civil society groups, policy makers, and others). Only on that basis would we be able to assess whether the treatment reflects a balanced and (semi)quantifiable representation of interests or use of DSI.

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