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## FRANCE PUSHES TOUGHER EU RULES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA IN WAKE OF TERROR ATTACK

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France is pushing the EU to harden upcoming rules for social media platforms after a schoolteacher was beheaded in France, arguing that "harmful content" such as hate speech needs to be reined in.

The push, which comes as Brussels is drafting a new rulebook for platforms like Facebook and Twitter, includes urging the EU to go beyond its current focus on illegal content, according to an EU official with firsthand knowledge of France's position.

Ministers in French President Emmanuel Macron's government are also lining up to criticize platforms' content moderation efforts after Samuel Paty, the slain schoolteacher, faced a wave of online harassment.

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