Session 4: Internet Governance, Innovation, IPR

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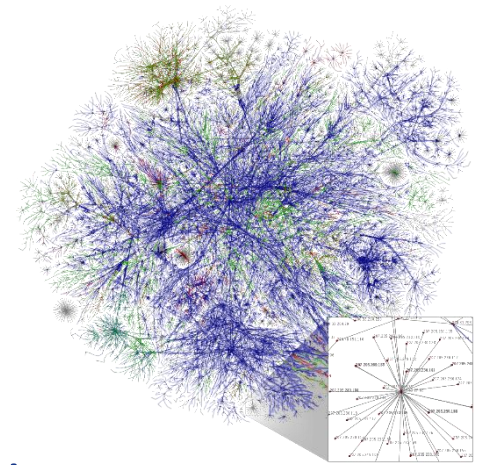
- Following the the idea of three "layers" of governance focus on content layer;

- Also on information security and data protection aspects;

  - Coping with technological developments – a lost battle?

  - Can standardization still play a useful role?

  - Effectiveness of Regulatory agencies and Courts

  - Self-regulated Internet Codes of Conduct – to the profit of whom?

The complexity of personal data
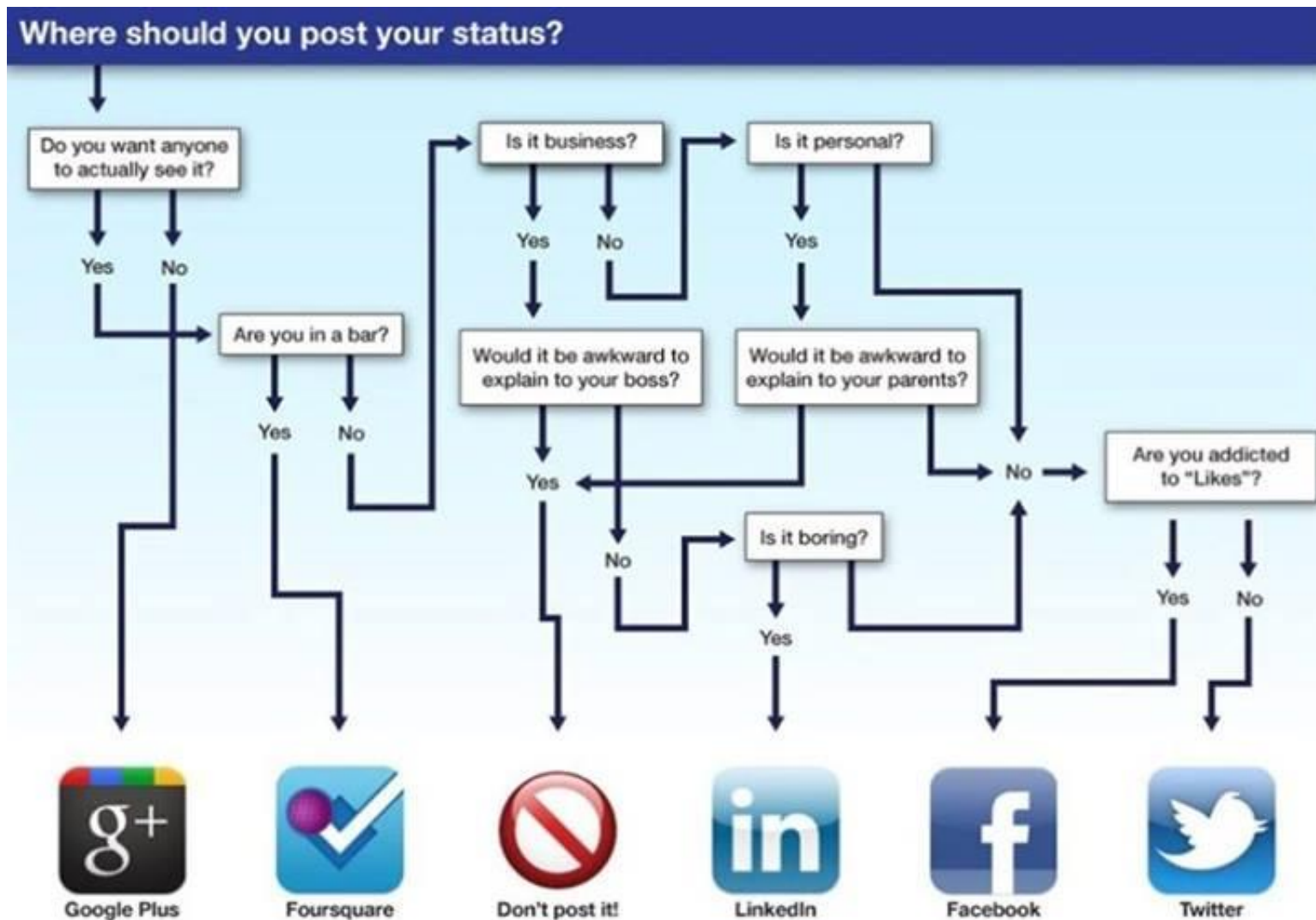
Coping with technological developments – a lost battle?

- No major EU player on online services market;
  - Or on operating systems;
  - Or on end user devices;
- Its not possible to predict innovation on services;
  - Challenging the policy maker;
- Rapidly changing trends, fast adoption;
- Open source: an 'opportunity' for Europe?

On Regulatory Agencies
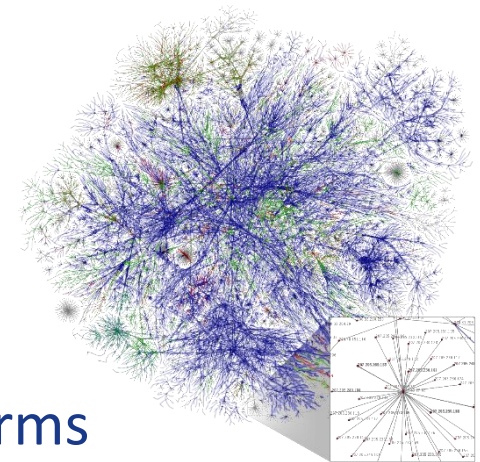
- Only in the area of data protection there is a multiplicity of national and EU bodies active;

- Differences between competent agencies in terms of resources and technological competences;

- Differences in terms of perception between member states;

- An example the recent verdict of the ECJ on Google;
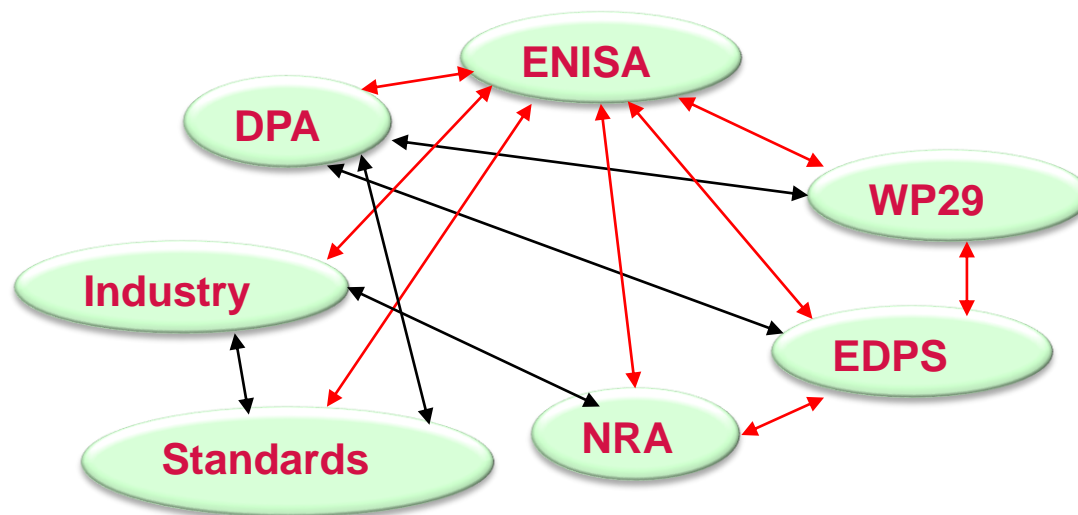
A.S. Tanenbaum: "The nice thing about standards is there's so many to choose from"

- Standards are a tool, and not a goal;

- Maintenance of security standards perhaps more complex and challenging (e.g. Heartblead);

- Plenty of fora and liaisons, but not enough real coordination;

  - ETSI CEN CENELEC Cyber Security Coordination Group (CSCG);

- Open evaluation procedures essential;

Self-regulated Internet Codes of Conduct

- Best practices are common in the information security industry;

- Recent developments indicate the responsibility of government and policy makers to protect EU citizens;

- Effectiveness of Information exchange / notification schemes needs to be assessed;

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