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This follows earlier reports suggesting DoJ and FTC have divided jurisdiction over potential antitrust probes into the big four tech companies, with DoJ taking Google and Apple "as part of a broader review of whether technology giants are using their size to act in an anti-competitive manner."

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Separately, speaking at the OECD in Paris, Vestager commented on the power of platforms and highlighted the need to "keep that power under proper democratic control." Apple was not mentioned in her prepared remarks, but she raised concern about when "the very same business becomes both player and referee, competing with others that rely on the platform, but also setting the rules that govern that competition."

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