

**Question for written answer E-000656/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: LinkedIn temporarily suspends University Lecturer account for organizing an event on the Uyghurs

On 10 February 2025, the LinkedIn account of Casper Wits, university lecturer at Leiden University, was suspended by LinkedIn, following a post he published on the platform regarding an upcoming lecture, ‘The Uyghurs as political prisoners’, hosted by the Oranjestad in cooperation with Leiden University.¹

1. Given the Commission’s role as the enforcer of the Digital Services Act regarding very large online platforms (VLOPs) such as LinkedIn, has it requested or will it request LinkedIn to clarify and justify its temporary suspension of Wits’s account, the basis on which this decision was made, and its proportionality?
2. Can the Commission share whether this ban is based on community reports from pro-China users or bots without human verification?
3. If so, does the Commission consider that this may pose a loophole for systemic risk and censorship of voices that are critical of autocratic regimes?

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¹ https://www.linkedin.com/posts/remco-breuker-%F0%9F%9F%A5-6104676_studium-generale-de-oeigoeren-als-politieke-activity-7294707097248645120-P80L?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_ios