

**Question for written answer E-000786/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Freedom of expression and regulation of online platforms

With the Digital Services Act (DSA), the European Union has set itself the target of fighting disinformation and ensuring user safety on online platforms. However, the recent intention of the European Commission to investigate Elon Musk's activity and to consider fining social media platform X raises legitimate concerns about the possible restriction of freedom of expression.

X is one of the few spaces where citizens can freely express themselves and engage in open public debate. Actions such as fines and content moderation can stifle pluralism and reinforce censorship. In particular, the fact that the EU reacts to actions taken by Elon Musk, for instance his conversation with the leader of the AfD party, raises serious questions regarding the preservation of democracy on online platforms.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

How does it intend to ensure a balance is struck between fighting against disinformation and protecting freedom of speech, avoiding disproportionate penalties that may restrict freedom of expression?

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