

**Question for written answer E-000875/2025
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Debunking pre-bunking

In ‘Europe’s Choice: Political Guidelines for the next European Commission (2024-2029)’, Ms Von der Leyen proposes creating ‘societal resilience and preparedness, through increased digital and media literacy and boosting prevention through pre-bunking’¹.

1. Can the Commission clarify the definition of ‘pre-bunking’ and what it would entail in practice?
2. What is the legal basis for ‘debunking’ disinformation, and what is the legal basis for undertaking actions that are aimed at ‘pre-bunking’ so-called disinformation?
3. Is the Commission seriously comparing alleged disinformation to a ‘mind virus’ that is ‘infectious’ and requires ‘vaccination’²?

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¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf, p.23.

² Speech delivered at the 2024 Copenhagen Democracy Summit, <https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2024/05/14/von-der-leyen-pitches-plan-to-shield-eu-from-foreign-interference-if-re-elected> and https://x.com/Glenn_Diesen/status/1796036374337843526/video/1.