Question for written answer E-001006/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Screen addiction of minors and the disruption to their mental and emotional development

Experts have expressed serious concerns about the impact on the cognitive abilities, emotional development, mental health and general behaviour of minors caused by the excessive and ever-increasing exposure to screens and digital platforms[1] – many of which take insufficient measures to limit or block minors' access to illegal goods and illegal and harmful content.

The Commission has taken action under the Digital Services Act (DSA). However, it is not clear whether and to what extent digital service providers are complying with the rules on the protection of child users[2] (which, it should be noted, have been mandatory for all since 17 February 2024). Under the Digital Education Action Plan, the Council Recommendation on improving the provision of digital skills through education and training, the Media Services Directive (AVMSD), Erasmus+ and SELFIE, digital skills should be enhanced and digital literacy promoted.

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

1. Has it initiated new investigations and how exactly is it monitoring the implementation of the DSA and the compliance of providers/platforms?

2. As regards regulating content promoted through algorithms, does it plan to introduce additional measures to protect vulnerable groups/minors?

3. In addition to the above actions and initiatives, have guidelines been adopted with the aim of ensuring that children are 'digitally literate' in a safe, fair and transparent environment?

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[1] https://www.ertnews.gr/video/ethismos-sto-diadiktyo-kai-paidia/
[2] https://lawyermagazine.gr/digital-services-act-%CE%BF-%CE%BA%CE%B1%CE%BD%CE%BF%CE%BD%CE%B9%CF%83%CE%BC%CF%8C%CF%82-%CE%BF%CF%81%CF%8C%CF%83%CE%B7%CE%BC%CE%BF-%CE%B3%CE%B9%CE%B1-%CF%84%CE%B9%CF%82-%CF%88%CE%B7%CF%86%CE%B9/