

**Question for written answer E-002018/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Mandatory use of AI-based tools on social media platforms to detect new child sexual abuse material

Currently, the detection of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) online is regulated by a temporary extension of the ePrivacy derogation¹ to allow the voluntary detection, by internet platforms, of such material.

Why has the Commission not proposed the mandatory use of AI-based tools on social media platforms to detect new CSAM, particularly in situations where end-to-end encryption is not an obstacle, despite research showing that AI is the only effective method for identifying new CSAM?

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/1232 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 July 2021 on a temporary derogation from certain provisions of Directive 2002/58/EC as regards the use of technologies by providers of number-independent interpersonal communications services for the processing of personal and other data for the purpose of combating online child sexual abuse (OJ L 274, 30.7.2021, p. 41, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1232/oj>).