

**Question for written answer E-002576/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Market and consumer protection against illegal e-commerce platforms

The European market is being overwhelmed by rapidly escalating economic distortion, which is jeopardising the viability of law-abiding European companies. This is due to the threat posed by large Asian e-commerce platforms, which had a turnover of EUR 4.6 billion in 2024 alone. At the same time, the head of OLAF, Ville Itälä, clearly stresses that ‘low-quality and dangerous products have entered the EU market, which is why everyone needs to make efforts to tackle the problem’.

Despite repeated warnings from all corners of the European market, industry and trade, etc., the European Union has not implemented immediate and effective measures to restore a level playing field in the e-commerce sector. Each day of inaction leads to serious and increasing damage to compliant European businesses. The Commission must act now, without delay. The EU’s inability to ensure fair market conditions is a direct and immediate threat to the internal market, employment and the economy. The EUR 2 fee being considered by the Commission is completely insufficient to address the issue.

In view of this, can the Commission say:

1. What immediate action will it take to restore the level playing field?
2. Will it compensate businesses and consumers for proven damages caused by unfair competition?

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