

**Question for written answer E-002732/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Mandatory identity verification online and protection of users' privacy and personal data

Mandatory user identity and age verification online is a matter of legitimate public interest given how universally accessible the internet is and the dangers that come with this widespread availability. Actions that the Commission is taking on this issue are being reported on in the media, especially in relation to the implementation of the Digital Services Act (DSA) and the use of the European Digital Identity Wallet for age and identity verification.

There is a growing need for effective yet sustainable solutions that align with the principles of proportionality and subsidiarity that would limit minors' access to adult-only material and content while also guaranteeing user privacy.

1. Going beyond declaratory assurances, what legal and technical mechanisms ensure that personal data obtained for the purposes of identity or age verification is processed for this purpose only and is then immediately deleted, with further tracking of a user's activity after verification being effectively impossible?
2. To what extent do the provisions of the DSA and the General Data Protection Regulation address current challenges related to protecting minors online and how would they potentially impact mandatory identity and age verification?

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