

Question for written answer E-003054/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Messainlatino.it blog shut down

The blog messainlatino.it, which has been active since 2007 and is dedicated to promoting Catholic doctrine, liturgy, and debate on ecclesial-cultural issues, was recently removed from the Google-owned Blogger platform, on the generic grounds of an alleged violation of ‘hate speech’ regulations. However, Google did not make clear which content was actually deemed harmful of the more than 22 000 posts in their archive.

The blog’s removal raises serious questions concerning freedom of expression, speech and religion, protected by Article 11 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, as well as Article 10 of the European Convention of Human Rights and other international conventions which grant everyone the freedom to express opinions and freedom of religion without interference. It also raises similar questions about the correct application of the Digital Services Act (DSA).

Against the backdrop of the growing use of algorithms in content moderation, there is an increasingly urgent need to ensure that the principles of pluralism and freedom of thought are fully safeguarded, including for content concerning Christian tradition.

In the light of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of Blogger/Google’s removal of the Messainlatino.it blog?
2. Does it consider the removal of religious content without detailed justification, with nothing more than a generic reference to ‘hate speech policy’, to be in line with the DSA?
3. What measures might it take to prevent digital platforms from arbitrarily censoring legitimate opinions, in particular on religious and cultural matters?

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