

**Question for written answer E-003068/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Access to data for vetted researchers under Article 40 of the Digital Services Act

One of the key objectives of the Digital Services Act (DSA) is to ensure a safer online environment, protect freedom of expression, and counter the dissemination of disinformation. Article 40 of the DSA explicitly establishes the right of access to data from very large online platforms (VLOPs) and very large online search engines (VLOSEs) for vetted researchers.

However, since the entry into force of the DSA, members of the scientific community – many of whom are affiliated with research hubs under the European Digital Media Observatory – have raised serious concerns about the lack of access to data from VLOPs and VLOSEs. This situation not only obstructs the work of vetted researchers but also risks undermining the effective enforcement of the DSA as a whole.

In the light of the above:

1. What concrete measures does the Commission intend to take to address the shortcomings in the implementation of Article 40 of the DSA regarding researchers' access to platform data?
2. Does the Commission consider the adoption of the delegated act of 2 July 2025¹ to be a sufficient and comprehensive response to the concerns raised by the research community, or are additional actions envisaged?

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¹ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/delegated-act-data-access-under-digital-services-act-dsa>.