

**Question for written answer E-003332/2025  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Coordination between European and national authorities in cases involving DSP abuses and patent disputes in the adtech sector

Proxistore, an advertising technology (or adtech) company holding geolocation patents across more than 30 countries, has been engaged in ongoing legal disputes with Google since 2018. The disputes concern patent infringements and abusive practices in digital advertising markets.

While the Commission continues its investigation into abuses involving demand-side platforms (DSPs) since 2021, Proxistore requests a clear delineation of responsibilities between the Commission and national authorities.

1. How does the Commission intend to coordinate its DSP-related investigation with national competition authorities, such as the Belgian Competition Authority, which is handling Proxistore's separate complaints regarding patent infringements and service cut-offs by Google?
2. What mechanisms are in place to ensure that companies like Proxistore receive adequate protection and fair compensation when their cases involve overlapping but distinct legal issues addressed at both EU and national levels?
3. How can the Commission facilitate cooperation between EU and national authorities to avoid duplication of procedures and ensure effective enforcement against abusive practices in the adtech sector?

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