

Question for written answer E-003529/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Delay in antitrust proceedings against Google

According to media reports, the Commission has apparently decided to postpone its antitrust proceedings against Google. If this is indeed the case, it would mean the decision was taken just days after President Trump threatened to sanction partners applying EU digital legislation, and at a time when US embassies had apparently been instructed to put pressure on Member States.

At the same time, Commissioner Henna Virkkunen wrote an open letter to Washington affirming the EU's sovereign right to apply the Digital Services Act and the Digital Markets Act, both of which were democratically adopted to ensure transparency, the accountability of the major platforms, and fair competition.

1. Can the Commission explain the reason for its apparent about-turn?
2. Who is really controlling EU digital policy?
3. And above all, can the Commission guarantee that the new EU rules will not be watered down or delayed as a result of external pressure?

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