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Subject: Tackling digital violence: eID identification requirement for high-risk platforms

The recent scandal in Italy linked to the Phica.net website and Facebook group ‘Mia moglie’ (‘My wife’)¹, as well as journalistic investigations into incel communities, have shown how pornographic platforms and misogynistic forums can spread fabricated images and sexist content, inciting hatred against women and targeting ordinary victims and public figures.

Through the Radicalisation Awareness Network², the Commission has already reported that online incel communities pose a risk to public health and safety, due to their glorification of violence and ability to attract vulnerable individuals. These are the kind of the systemic risks that need to be identified and mitigated under the Digital Services Act. However, the anonymity of users hinders the identification of those responsible, while operators monetise a model based on hate through advertising and subscriptions.

The new European Digital Identity Regulation offers a secure and interoperable tool that could be used as a mitigating measure: users would be able to create public pseudonyms with verified identities, which the competent authorities could access in case of abuse.

In view of the above:

1. Will the Commission consider introducing an eID requirement for users uploading content to high-risk social forums or networks and platforms involving economic transactions?
2. Does it see a need for further legislative measures to be proposed to ensure the security and protection of citizens, without compromising freedom of expression and privacy?

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¹ https://www.corriere.it/tecnologia/25_agosto_29/perche-il-caso-phica-eu-e-diverso-da-quello-del-gruppo-facebook-mia-moglie-45e928be-8ed4-4252-bcc2-851e5bbfbx1k.shtml.

² <https://www.corriere.it/dataroom-milena-gabanelli/siti-incel-italiani-sono-decine-chi-c-e-dietro-e-come-fanno-soldi-sull-odio-contro-le-donne/edb05f9b-b26b-4ce5-9017-9eb0dc66ax1k.shtml>.