

**Question for written answer E-005003/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Fine imposed on the X platform

Following the investigation launched in 2023, on 4 December 2025 the Commission imposed a EUR 120 million fine on X for failure to comply with various transparency requirements established in the Digital Services Act.

Specifically, the failures highlighted were: the deceptive design of X's 'blue checkmark' (Article 25(1)), the lack of transparency of X's ads repository (Article 39) and the failure to provide researchers with access to public data (Article 40(12)). According to the Commission, the level of the fine was determined taking account of the nature of the infringements, their gravity in relation to the number of affected users in the EU, and their duration.

Considering the above:

1. Can the Commission set out the criteria used for determining the level of the fine in detail?
2. As regards the infringement of Article 25(1), the Commission considers that the check mark can lead to errors. However, X announced changes to their verification system, replacing it with a more reliable one, which is linked to registered accounts and with easily accessible information. Therefore, on what criteria did the Commission base its conclusion that X had failed to comply with said article?

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