

**Question for written answer E-000134/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Electronic messaging interoperability

In line with the Digital Markets Act, the various messaging services – such as WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram, Haiket and BirdyChat – are gradually giving their users the ability to message users of other instant messaging services without leaving their own app¹.

This interoperability, which is inspired by the system used for e-mails, will make it easier for users to chat to one another, reduce their dependence on a single platform and promote freer competition in this market.

1. This interoperability seems to be progressing slowly, however. Does the Commission have any information on its deployment to all messaging providers?
2. Does it know whether it guarantees message encryption, which is vital to ensure that data transmissions are secure?
3. In this competitive environment dominated by foreign companies, which may be ordered by their country to suspend these services as a sanction, will European messaging apps emerge?

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¹ <https://www.usine-digitale.fr/article/messageries-instantanees-pour-se-plier-au-dma-whatsapp-annonce-une-interoperabilite-avec-birdychat-et-haiket.N2241467>.