Question for written answer E-000243/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Is the Commission ready to hear how X proposes to comply with the Digital Services Act?

Towards the end of 2025, the Commission sanctioned X under the Digital Services Act.

The social network X has been criticised for having failed to meet its transparency obligations:

- by not verifying blue checkmark holders, which would mislead users;

- by not allowing advertising sponsors to be identified;

- by denying researchers access to recommendation algorithms.

X has 60 days to propose solutions to those infringements.

1. As regards verifying blue checkmark holders, Mr Musk has indicated, since November 2022, that payments by bank card or via app stores (Apple and Google) effectively and indirectly verify the account holder's identity[1]. Has the Commission considered that argument?

2. As regards the advertisement repository and research on the recommendation algorithm, Mr Musk announced that X would make its recommendation algorithm open source[2], which would make it possible to determine how organic posts and advertisements are recommended to users. The source code would be released every four weeks, with comprehensive developer notes. Will the Commission take those developments into account?

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[1] https://edition.cnn.com/2022/11/03/tech/elon-musk-twitter-verification-plans#:~:text=If%20users%20buy%20in%2C%20the,inauthentic%20and%20bot%20activity%20either

[2] https://www.itp.net/ai-automation/x-will-make-its-algorithm-public-next-week-elon-musk-says#:~:text=Home%20%C2%BB%20AI%20&%20Automation%20%C2%BB%20X,shadow%2Dbanning%20and%20algorithmic%20bias