

**Question for written answer E-000612/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Google's Android policy

In 2025, Android phones held a 75 % share of the mobile market. However, Google, Android's parent company, is planning to restrict the release of Android apps from 2026 (2027 for Europe).

To tackle the distribution of apps containing malicious content, Google wants all developers to be certified and have their identity verified before they are allowed to release an Android app.

Even if the US company is acting in good faith, this measure will give it unmatched economic leverage over three quarters of the global mobile app market.

1. Does the Commission consider Google's Android policy to be an abuse of a dominant position?
2. If so, what action does it intend to take to ensure that app developers are free to distribute their apps outside the Google Play store?
3. Google's justification for this move is that it protects against malware. Assuming that it is acting legitimately, what tools does the Commission have to ensure that this justification is not used as an excuse to impose unfair constraints on app developers and distributors?

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