

**Question for written answer E-003061/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: AI agents: designating gatekeepers under the DMA without delay

In its opinion of 17 July 2026, the French Competition Authority considered the AI agents sector to be already highly concentrated, with Google, OpenAI and Anthropic accounting for over 80 % of usage, and shielded by barriers to entry (computing power, energy, data) and expansion (user access, limited portability and interoperability). It warns of disintermediation, given that as these agents become the main gateway to digital services, they will displace other gateways, hitting publishers and retailers and reducing the diversity of supply.

Although virtual assistants already feature on the list of core platform services in Article 2(2) of the Digital Markets Act (DMA), the DMA review declined to address AI services.

1. Is the Commission prepared to open, without delay, a market investigation under Article 17 DMA to designate providers of AI agents meeting the Article 3 DMA criteria as being gatekeepers, including where the quantitative thresholds are not met?
2. Will it open a market investigation under Article 19 DMA with a view to proposing the addition of AI agents and marketplaces distributing AI models to the core platform services list, and when?
3. How will it guarantee freedom of choice, portability and interoperability between AI agents, applying Article 14 DMA to monitor gatekeepers' acquisitions in competing agents, and Articles 101 and 102 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to their partnerships?

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