

**Question for written answer E-003259/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Application of the Digital Services Act following the Ceuta crisis

Public reporting indicates that misleading claims, instructions on how to cross the border and videos of successful arrivals circulated widely on major online platforms before and during the mass arrivals in Ceuta in late July 2026. However, the reach, amplification patterns and possible coordination of this content remain unclear.

Articles 34 and 35 of the Digital Services Act¹ require very large online platforms (VLOPs) to assess and mitigate systemic risks, including risks to public security. Article 40 provides for mechanisms enabling the Commission and vetted researchers to access platform data, while Article 36 establishes a crisis-response mechanism for extraordinary circumstances that lead to a serious threat to public security.

1. What action has the Commission taken to secure and examine relevant platform data and facilitate access for vetted researchers?
2. Has it assessed whether the platforms adequately identified and mitigated the associated systemic risks, and, if so, what were its findings?
3. Was activation of the Article 36 crisis-response mechanism considered and what measures will the Commission take to improve platform preparedness and accountability during comparable future crises?

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 of 19 October 2022 on a Single Market For Digital Services and amending Directive 2000/31/EC (Digital Services Act), (ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2065/oj>).