

Question for written answer E-003549/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Extension of the Digital Services Act to ChatGPT, Reddit and Roblox, and the associated ongoing recruitment drive

On 31 August, the Commission announced that it would classify ChatGPT, Reddit and Roblox as very large online platforms (VLOPs) under the Digital Services Act (DSA).¹ The US companies now have until January 2027 to comply with the new requirements and to submit regular reports to the Commission. If the companies behind these online services fail to comply with the EU requirements, they face fines running into millions, up to 6 % of their global annual turnover. This turn of events is deeply worrying as while, across the globe, countries and companies are once again allowing greater freedom of expression and distancing themselves from excessive censorship, the EU is bucking the trend and centralising more control with the Brussels thought police. This increasingly begs the question as to whether this apparatus is not being beefed up with ever more staff to form a politically controlled censorship machine that drains ever more funds and resources.

1. How many staff members are currently employed in DSA enforcement, and how many additional posts are to be created by 31 December 2026?
2. In view of the increasing number of companies falling under the DSA, does the Commission plan to recruit even more staff in 2027 for tasks relating to DSA enforcement, and what total staff costs does it anticipate for this?
3. Given the increasing number of companies to be monitored, why is the Commission not making greater use of synergies, existing structures and efficiency gains, rather than continuously ramping up its workforce and, consequently, its costs?

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¹ https://germany.representation.ec.europa.eu/nachrichten-und-veranstaltungen/pressemitteilungen/gesetz-uber-digitale-dienste-einstufung-von-chatgpt-reddit-und-roblox-2026-08-31_de?prefLang=en&etrans=en.