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Subject: Meta's censorship of Euronews and activist or political accounts in connection with the 'Flamingo Revolution' in Albania

On 5 September 2026, reports emerged that Euronews Albania's Instagram account was blocked[1]. This came after the blocking or disabling of dozens of accounts belonging to Albanian activists, civic platforms and political actors documenting the 'Flamingo Revolution' on Meta platforms[2].

Multiple accounts were reportedly targeted through repeated copyright complaints, with some content subsequently restored after Meta acknowledged erroneous removals. In at least one reported case, an individual allegedly admitted being paid to submit multiple complaints[3].

Will the Commission:

1. follow up with Meta to establish the facts surrounding these account restrictions and verify whether its content-moderation and reporting systems were subjected to coordinated or bot-driven manipulation?

2. assess whether Meta has taken adequate measures under Article 35 of the Digital Services Act (DSA) to mitigate systemic risks arising from the abuse or automated manipulation of reporting mechanisms, particularly where such practices may affect freedom of expression and civic participation?

3. assess whether Meta's enforcement of its terms and conditions complied with Article 14(4) DSA, including the obligation to act with due regard to recipients' fundamental rights, and whether affected users received accurate and sufficiently specific statements of reasons under Article 17 DSA, including where Meta relied on copyright complaints that may have been erroneous or abusive?

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[1] Euronews, 'Union of Albanian Journalists reacts to closure of Euronews Albania's Instagram account: Meta must provide explanations', https://euronews.al/en/union-of-albanian-journalists-reacts-to-closure-of-euronews-albanias-instagram-account-meta-must-provide-explanations/.

[2] Politico, 'Meta blocks dozens of accounts protesting Kushner-linked Albanian resort project', https://www.politico.eu/article/meta-blocks-accounts-politicians-journalists-and-activists-protesting-jared-kushner-linked-albania-resort/.

[3] WIRED, 'Meta's Copyright System Is Being Weaponized Against Albanian Protesters', https://www.wired.com/story/metas-copyright-system-is-being-weaponized-against-albanian-protesters/.

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