

Question for written answer E-004045/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Detection of emerging risks and independent oversight under the EU KIDS Act

The proposed EU KIDS Act provides for independently audited compliance plans and obligations to monitor and test security measures from the design phase. Article 5(8) clarifies, however, that neither the final audit report nor any action or absence thereof by the Commission will constitute a finding of compliance.

Some risks to children can only be detected during use, such as sustained use of AI or after changes to models, algorithms or recommender systems.

1. How will the Commission pro-actively identify risks not detected by providers or auditors without relying on reports or incidents? What criteria will be used to trigger additional testing or an investigation?
2. What resources and technical expertise does the Commission have to independently examine the conclusions of audits and identify risks that have gone undetected in those audits?
3. How will the Commission carry out ongoing independent checks on providers' tests and monitoring of the risks of AI companion and general conversational chatbots, including risks that may emerge during sustained interactions or after substantial changes to models?

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