

**Question for written answer E-004262/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Verification of ChatGPT's user figures and transparency of its VLOSE designation – follow-up to question P-003415/2026

In its reply to question P-003415/2026¹, the Commission acknowledged that OpenAI had reported 159.1 million average monthly active recipients of ChatGPT search in the EU without providing the calculation methodology. The Commission nevertheless designated ChatGPT as a very large online search engine (VLOSE) on 31 August 2026, without explaining the methodology and calculation used for its decision.

1. Did the Commission independently verify the reported 159.1 million average monthly active recipients before adopting the designation decision? If so, using what methodology and evidence?
2. How did the Commission establish that the reported figure relates specifically to the designated online search service rather than to users of non-designated conversational functionalities, and how were users of both functionalities counted?
3. Will the Commission publish the designation decision, including its legal reasoning and evidence supporting the user figures, and if so, when? If it is not to be published, on what legal grounds is this information being withheld?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2026-003415-ASW_EN.html.