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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Vestager
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission did not give any instructions in 2020-2022 to providers of online platforms such as Facebook, YouTube or Twitter, to remove or hide content concerning specific scientific products or publications. In its policy to mitigate the spread of disinformation, the Commission has always followed an approach that promotes fundamental rights and provides full transparency. This is why, upon request by the Commission to give greater transparency about their actions against COVID-19 disinformation and misinformation, signatories of the EU Code of Practice on Disinformation¹ issued regular reports on these actions between August 2020 and April 2022².

¹ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/2022-strengthened-code-practice-disinformation>

² <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/covid-19-disinformation-monitoring>