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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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On 12 July 2024¹, following a thorough investigation, the Commission informed the provider of X of its preliminary view that X had failed to comply with some obligations under the Digital Services Act (DSA)² in areas linked to dark patterns, advertising transparency and researcher access to data. Since the investigation is ongoing, the Commission cannot comment on it at this point in time.

The Commission is responsible for supervising and enforcing the specific obligations that apply to very large online platforms and very large online search engines under the DSA. All actions taken by the Commission based on the DSA are undertaken within the limits of its supervision and enforcement powers and follow due process, in compliance with the principles of good administration, legal certainty and respect for the rule of law. All acts and decisions taken by the Commission are subject to judicial review.

The Commission is present on several social media platforms to reach users, journalists and EU citizens through all means possible. X is one of the social media platforms that the Commission uses in daily communication efforts. The Commission remains vigilant on any developments on X and has discontinued paid-for advertising on the platform in autumn 2023.

The Commission is supporting the development of European digital public infrastructures and digital sovereignty through the Digital European Programme³ with the European Digital Identity Wallets⁴ among them.

¹ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-sends-preliminary-findings-x-breach-digital-services-act>

² Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 October 2022 on a Single Market for Digital Services and amending Directive 2000/31/EC (Digital Services Act).

³ https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/digital-europe-programme_en

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2024/1183 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 amending Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 as regards establishing the European Digital Identity Framework.