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**Question for written answer E-002730/24
to the Commission
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Subject: Resources for the development of the DSA transparency database

The effective and timely implementation of the Digital Services Act (DSA) transparency requirements is of vital importance to Parliament. It appears that this process is too slow and too ineffective.

1. How many people in total are involved in the development of the DSA transparency database?
2. How many of the people involved are software developers, and is the database being developed in-house or externally?
3. Can the Commission please indicate the budget already spent and the future total budget anticipated for the development of the database?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen on behalf of the European Commission
(20 February 2025)**

The Digital Services Act (DSA) Transparency Database ⁽¹⁾, which is developed in-house by the Commission, was launched on 25 September 2023, roughly five months ahead of the Commission's legal obligation to comply with Article 24(5) of the DSA ⁽²⁾. It has been operational ever since.

The database currently contains more than 25 billion records of content moderation decisions taken by online platforms in the form of so-called statements of reasons.

Currently, 118 online platforms, the majority of which are not Very Large Online Platforms (VLOPs) under the DSA, are uploading data to the database.

Since some Member States are still in the process of designating and empowering their Digital Service Coordinators (DSCs), the onboarding process for non-VLOPs, which is managed by their DSC of establishment, is experiencing some delay.

The Commission has been continually updating the database's infrastructure and analytical capabilities, including by releasing a user-friendly dashboard ⁽³⁾ and more recently a python software package ⁽⁴⁾, which enables the analysis of the data in the database at scale, including by allowing users to build custom data visualisations.

The upcoming report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council, to be published by 31 March 2025, will provide further details on the annual costs incurred for the fulfilment of the Commission's tasks under the DSA during 2024, including human resources and information technology costs.

For an overview of the relevant costs incurred in 2023, the Commission refers to the 2023 report, submitted to the European Parliament and the Council in November 2024.

⁽¹⁾ <https://transparency.dsa.ec.europa.eu/>

⁽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), OJ L 277, 27.10.2022, p. 1-102.

⁽³⁾ <https://transparency.dsa.ec.europa.eu/dashboard>

⁽⁴⁾ <https://code.europa.eu/dsa/transparency-database/dsa-tdb>