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**Question for written answer E-003036/24
to the Commission
Piotr Müller (ECR)
(18 December 2024)**

Subject: Resubmission of Question E-001750/2024 of 18 September 2024 — in the absence of a full answer

In the absence of a full answer to Question E-001750/2024 ⁽¹⁾, I would like concrete answers to the questions therein:

1. Can the Commission confirm or deny whether Commissioner Breton or any other Commission officials used their positions to exert formal or informal pressure on social media platforms to enforce specific content moderation actions, even when those actions contradicted the policies of the platforms themselves? If so, under what circumstances did these actions occur and were they consistent with the applicable regulations and principles of transparency and freedom of speech?
2. Did the Commission push for any specific standards or practices and did the social media platforms express concerns about the proposed standards at the time? If so, what was the Commission's response to those concerns?
3. Does the Commission keep detailed records of all communications (both formal and informal) with social media platforms on content moderation, and would it be possible to access that information in accordance with the principles of transparency and access to EU documents?

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

As the Commission noted in its reply to the Written Question E-001750/2024 of 30 November 2024, in the context of the enforcement of the Digital Services Act (DSA) ⁽¹⁾, the Commission has specific powers to supervise and enforce this regulation, as specified under Article 56 thereof.

In this context, the Commission does not seek to enforce or impose any specific content moderation actions. There are therefore no circumstances in the context of the DSA that are in the scope of questions 1 and 2.

Concerning question 3, in addition to the answer provided previously, the Commission can confirm that any request for public access to documents in possession of the institution will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, in line with applicable rules laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 ⁽²⁾.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-001750_EN.html

⁽¹⁾ 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).

⁽²⁾ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2001 regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents.