

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-000086/25
to the Commission
Assita Kanko (ECR)
(13 January 2025)**

Subject: EU law, Meta, X and freedom of speech. Digital Services Act and monitoring compliance

Politico and other media have reported that the Commission assembled a large team of officials and specialists to monitor potential algorithmic violations of EU law (notably the Digital Services Act) surrounding Elon Musk's interview with Alice Weidel.

1. Are these reports accurate? 'Up to 150 experts in Brussels and Seville will be checking whether Musk's livestream interview boosts the German far right' ⁽¹⁾.
2. If such monitoring occurred, what were the findings of this investigation, and did the interview and its dissemination comply with EU law?
3. How does the Commission ensure that monitoring efforts under the Digital Services Act do not infringe on freedom of expression or disproportionately target specific platforms or individuals?

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

The reports to which the Honourable Member refers are inaccurate. No Commission official was instructed to monitor the livestream to which reference is made, as also stated in the answers provided by the Commission to the written questions P-000108/2025 and E-000254/2025.

The Digital Services Act (DSA) ⁽¹⁾ itself does not determine what type of content users may or may not post online. One of the aims of the DSA is to ensure that EU citizens and other persons are able to effectively exercise their freedom of expression online.

¹ 'Haeck, P. 'Brussels will be watching whether Musk breaks EU law in far-right livestream', Politico, 9 January 2025. Available at: <https://www.politico.eu/article/elon-musk-alice-weidel-alternative-for-germany-x-interview-eu-big-tech-regulation/> (Accessed January 30, 2025).

⁽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), OJ L 277, 27.10.2022, p. 1-102.