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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission monitors developments related to potential distortions in the Single Market to ensure its integrity, protect investors, and maintain a level playing field for all businesses. Regarding China, the Commission is indeed concerned about broad ranging distortions in the economy as documented in the Commission Staff Working Document of 10 April 2024¹.

The Digital Services Act² (DSA) protects freedom of expression and information, regulating intermediary service providers in the EU. DeepSeek models are subject to ideological censorship and is therefore in conflict with EU's principles. Large Language Models (LLMs) would not by themselves constitute a separate service regulated under the DSA, but intermediary services using LLMs like DeepSeek may be regulated by the DSA, depending on their features. The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act³ covers general-purpose AI (GPAI) models, such as DeepSeek, which must provide technical documentation, with further obligations for GPAI with systemic risk. GPAI models released prior to 2 August 2025 shall comply by 2 August 2027. The Commission will continue to take a vigilant and proactive approach to address any arising issues.

The AI Continent Action Plan addresses supply and demand aspects to position the EU as a leader of AI development and take-up, which is critical to ensure EU competitiveness. This will leverage full deployment of AI Factories, which bring together AI-optimised supercomputers, data, and human talent. It will establish the AI Gigafactories to harness vast computational power to develop and deploy the next generation of AI models. The announced European AI Research Council will further support AI research, building on more than EUR 1 billion annual investment under Horizon Europe.

¹ [https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=SWD\(2024\)91&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=SWD(2024)91&lang=en)

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2065/oj/eng>

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1689/oj/eng>