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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
(31.3.2025)

The Commission is in the process of preparing a detailed overview of the costs incurred in 2024 for the fulfilment of the tasks under Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 (Digital Services Act (DSA)),¹ in accordance with Article 43(7) of that Regulation). The information requested by the Honourable Member on the cost of the compliance team in 2024 will be included in this report. On 30 June 2023, the Commission estimated the cost for 123 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) needed in 2024 at EUR 19.41 million². As a reference, the costs incurred in 2023 for 36 FTEs amounted to EUR 7.38 million³.

The information required by the Honourable Member in his second question, on the estimation of costs to be incurred in 2025, is publicly available in the staff working document published by the Commission on 30 June 2024. The overall number of FTEs necessary for the fulfilment of the tasks referred to in Article 43(2) of the DSA is estimated for the year 2025 at 202 FTEs. The associated cost is estimated at EUR 29.21 million⁴.

The cost resulting from the implementation of the DSA by the Commission, including the estimated additional resources, is covered by external assigned revenues stemming from the supervisory fees charged by the Commission on providers of very large online platforms and of very large online search engines, in line with the provisions of Article 43(2) of the DSA and part of the Commission budget (line number 02.200305).

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

² SWD(2023) 242: <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/dsa-overview-elements-accounted-estimation-amount-external-assigned-revenues-stemming-supervisory>

³ COM(2024) 523: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM:2024:523:FIN>

⁴ SWD(2024) 167: <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/overview-elements-accounted-estimation-amount-external-assigned-revenues-stemming-supervisory-fee>