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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission refers the Honourable Member to the replies provided to questions 1044/25, 973/25, 969/25 and 980/25.

The conduct and the organisation of elections are the competence and responsibility of the Member States, in accordance with their national constitutional and legislative rules, while respecting their international obligations and EU law.

The Digital Services Act¹ (DSA) requires providers of very large online platforms (VLOPs) and very large online search engines (VLOSEs) to assess and mitigate systemic risks linked to electoral processes and civic discourse while protecting fundamental rights, including the freedom of expression². The Commission issued guidelines for VLOPs and VLOSEs on the mitigation of systemic risks for electoral processes, which recommend different options for mitigation measures³.

The Digital Services Coordinators (DSCs) coordinate work at national level with the aim of ensuring compliance with the DSA, including during electoral periods. If requested by the DSCs, the Commission may provide support in this exercise, as it did ahead a number of recent national elections.

The Commission did not receive any request from the Polish DSC and was therefore not involved in any election roundtable in Poland.

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

² Articles 34 and 35 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2065.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52024XC03014&qid=1714466886277>.