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**Question for written answer E-001058/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Timeframes and the effectiveness of the Commission's measures to monitor very large online platform (VLOP) commitments

In its answer to Question E-000326/2025 ⁽¹⁾, the Commission stated that it would assess the commitment levels and implementation by VLOPs and VLOSEs and, where necessary, hold regulatory dialogues and decide about appropriate follow-up actions, for example on the dissemination of disinformation.

Given the fast-paced nature of the digital environment and the risks posed by, for example, the spread of disinformation, a delayed response could pose a significant threat to the EU's information space, civil debate and even electoral processes.

1. Can the Commission give specific timeframes for the completion of its assessment of commitment levels and the holding of the necessary regulatory dialogues?
2. What measures is it considering in order to expedite its response in the event that platforms fail to meet their commitments in a scenario that calls for swift action?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission has taken, and continues to take, swift and decisive action in relation to the Digital Services Act (DSA) ⁽¹⁾ enforcement.

The Commission has opened formal proceedings against several providers of very large online platforms, sent requests for information to verify providers' compliance with the DSA and issued data retention orders ⁽²⁾.

Several proceedings are ongoing, and findings remain confidential until publicly communicated. In addition, regulatory dialogues with very large online platforms and very large online search engines are carried out on an ongoing basis.

On 13 February 2025, the Commission and the European Board for Digital Services endorsed the integration of the voluntary Code of Practice on disinformation into the framework of the DSA within the meaning of Article 45 ⁽³⁾. Adherence to the Code may therefore constitute a mitigation measure within the meaning of Article 35 DSA.

If the Commission establishes a breach of the DSA by the provider of a very large online platform or very large online search engine, a fine of up to 6% of their total worldwide annual turnover may be imposed and the concerned provider shall take the necessary measures to address the breach.

A non-compliance decision also triggers an enhanced supervision period to ensure compliance with the measures the provider intends to take to remedy the breach.

The Commission can also impose periodic penalty payments to compel a platform to comply. All enforcement actions of the Commission will be specifically tailored and proportionate to the infringements and risks at hand.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-000326_EN.html
⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32022R2065>
⁽²⁾ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/list-designated-vlops-and-vloses>
⁽³⁾ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/code-conduct-disinformation>