

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001454/25
to the Commission
Liesbet Sommen (PPE)
(9 April 2025)**

Subject: Timeframe for the investigations into online platforms under the Digital Services Act

In October last year, acting on the basis of the DSA, the Commission requested more information about the parameters used by the algorithms of YouTube, Snapchat and TikTok. In April last year, the Commission opened formal proceedings against Meta. In July last year, the Commission sent preliminary findings to the platform X for violations of the DSA, and additional investigative measures against X were taken in early 2025.

With the DSA, the Commission has a tool to tackle harmful algorithms of online platforms that deliberately undermine or manipulate the mental health of minors or electoral processes.

1. How far have the investigations into X, TikTok, Snapchat, YouTube and the Meta platforms progressed? When can we expect more information about the results of these studies or when are they expected to be finalised?
2. What are the biggest procedural or legal obstacles to applying the Digital Services Act (DSA) in investigations into online platforms, and what specific obstacles are encountered?

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

The Commission has taken, and continues to take, swift and decisive action in relation to the enforcement of the Digital Services Act (DSA) ⁽¹⁾.

As part of its enforcement actions, the Commission has opened several formal proceedings including those mentioned in the question of the Honourable Member.

Additionally, the Commission sent requests for information to providers of Very Large Online Platforms (VLOPs) and Very Large Online Search Engines (VLOSEs) regarding their compliance with the DSA, issued data retention orders, conducted regulatory dialogues and engaged with experts and civil society organisations ⁽²⁾.

The Commission pursues the open investigations under the DSA as a matter of priority.

However, the Commission cannot comment on the findings of ongoing investigations, which remain confidential until a decision is taken as a result of those proceedings.

Every investigation is pursued thoroughly taking into account the due process, the rights of all parties involved and the complexity of the legal and technical aspects of the case.

⁽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 L277/1.

⁽²⁾ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/dsa-enforcement>.