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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is committed to the application of the digital acquis democratically adopted by the co-legislators and to a clear communication to the public about the merits and application of the laws. The Commission is focusing on supporting the consistent application of the rules, including through shared guidelines and facilitating the cooperation between the competent authorities, not least through the cooperation facilitated by the European Regulators Group for Audiovisual Media Services and the European Board for Digital Services for competent authorities such as those focusing on media and other aspects for the supervision of providers of intermediary services.

In parallel, the Commission made a commitment to regulatory simplification¹ stress-testing the entire acquis, including the digital acquis, and has planned² a digital fitness check to further the analysis of the coherence and cumulative impact of the rules and their application by the authorities. The creation of a new EU decentralised agency would in any case be subject to an impact assessment in accordance with the Better Regulation guidelines, and would be established through a legal act adopted by ordinary procedure.

As regards the costs resulting from the enlargement of the Digital Services Act (DSA)³ compliance team, the estimated costs that the Commission incurs in relation to its supervisory tasks under the DSA are covered by external assigned revenues stemming from the supervisory fees annually charged by the Commission to providers of very large online platforms and of very large online search engines, pursuant Article 43(2) DSA. Therefore, the Commission's supervisory activities under the DSA, including its human resources, are financed by such providers and not by any other EU budget allocation.

Currently, the Commission does not intend to propose the dismantling of agencies or offices that were set up by the co-legislators in recent legislation in the digital sector. However, the added value of these bodies is likely to be assessed as part of the evaluations of the respective legal acts that set them up.

¹ Communication on a simpler and faster Europe https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/8556fc33-48a3-4a96-94e8-8ecacef1ea18_en?filename=250201_Simplification_Communication_en.pdf.

² https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/strategy-documents/commission-work-programme/commission-work-programme-2025_en.

³ 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) (Text with EEA relevance), <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2065/oj>.