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**Question for written answer E-004041/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Knowledge Centre as a new Chat Control?

The LGBTIQ+ Equality Strategy 2026-2030 introduces, among other things, a Knowledge Centre to monitor online hate speech, which clearly represents yet another step towards the mass surveillance of citizens, similar to the scandalous ‘Chat Control’, under which the Commission sought to scan private messages under the pretext of safety. This is a typical example of how the EU, under the guise of ‘combating hatred’, is building an Orwellian system to criminalise conservative views and weaken national sovereignty.

In light of the above:

1. How do the Knowledge Centre and its associated monitoring differ in substance from ‘Chat Control’?
2. How does the Commission intend to ensure that the Centre will not be used for widespread spying on Europeans’ online activities, which would violate their right to privacy under the Charter of Fundamental Rights?
3. How will the Commission prevent the Centre from being misused to persecute people for holding legitimate opinions, especially in cases where combating ‘hate’ may be just serve as a cover for suppressing opposition to the ‘desired opinion’?

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**Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission combats all forms of violence and discrimination targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, non-binary, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) people.

As announced in the Political Guidelines ⁽¹⁾ and in the 2025 Commission Work Programme ⁽²⁾, the Commission adopted a new LGBTIQ+ equality strategy 2026-2030 on 8 October 2025.

The online knowledge hub mentioned in this strategy refers to a commitment set out in the Code of conduct on countering illegal hate speech online+ (‘Code of conduct+’) ⁽³⁾.

The Code of conduct+, which has been integrated into the framework of the Digital Services Act ⁽⁴⁾, contains a set of commitments voluntarily agreed by the signatory online platform providers.

These include: ‘a shared online knowledge hub facilitated by the Commission and with adequate safeguards to protect information, gathering jurisprudence and legal resources useful to assess the legality of alleged illegal hate speech, and/or past reports under the Code’.

The knowledge hub as defined above is a collection of resources, unrelated to any content moderation actions or surveillance. The implementation of the Code of conduct+ by the signatory online platform providers is fully in line with the fundamental rights enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and in particular the right to freedom of expression, as especially noted in the Preamble of the Code of conduct+.

⁽¹⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf.

⁽²⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/7617998c-86e6-4a74-b33c-249e8a7938cd_en?filename=COM_2025_45_1_annexes_EN.pdf.

⁽³⁾ <https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/dae/redirection/document/111777>.

⁽⁴⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_300.