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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Digital Services Act (DSA)¹ operates under a high level of transparency. It requires platforms to publish reports on content moderation², risk assessments, mitigation measures and audits. In turn, the Commission publishes information on the platforms it supervises and on its main enforcement actions, including requests for information, the opening of proceedings, preliminary findings and decisions³.

The Commission's transparency framework is further governed by the Transparency Register⁴ and the rules on public access to documents⁵. Since 1 January 2025⁶, staff holding management functions may meet interest representatives if they are registered in the Transparency Register, and minutes of such meetings are published⁷; unless exempted from these obligations⁸.

Public access to Commission documents can be requested in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001. Access to documents related to enforcement proceedings is examined on a case-by-case basis. Where necessary, access may be limited in order to protect the legitimate interests of providers, including business secrets and confidential information, as well as the integrity of ongoing investigations, as recognised in the DSA⁹ and the Detailed Rules for the application of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001¹⁰.

All enforcement-related documents, including exchanges with external parties, are duly filed in dedicated internal case-management systems, ensuring traceability, institutional oversight and access to the file in line with companies' rights of defence¹¹.

This balance between transparency, effective enforcement and protection of confidential information reflects established practice in comparable regulatory and enforcement frameworks.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2022/2065, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R2065>.

² <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/harmonised-transparency-reports-under-dsa-bring-enhanced-clarity-content-moderation-practices>.

³ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/list-designated-vlops-and-vloses>.

⁴ https://transparency-register.europa.eu/index_en.

⁵ Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32001R1049>.

⁶ Commission Decision (EU) 2024/3081, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/3081/oj/eng>, and Commission Decision (EU) 2024/3082, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32024D3082>.

⁷ https://commission.europa.eu/about/service-standards-and-principles/transparency/transparency-register_en#meetings-with-interest-representatives.

⁸ See Article 3 of Commission Decision (EU) 2024/3081 and Article 3 of Commission Decision (EU) 2024/3082.

⁹ Articles 79(4), 80 and 84 of the Digital Services Act.

¹⁰ Article 4(2)(e) of Commission Decision (EU) 2024/3080, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/3080/oj>, and Article 4(1) to (3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001.

¹¹ Article 79 of the Digital Services Act.