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Under the Digital Services Act (DSA)¹, very large online platforms (VLOPs) and very large online search engines are obliged to mitigate systemic risks to electoral processes. The Commission issued guidelines in this respect, which also cover political advertising and recommend measures such as labels for AI-generated content and technical detection measures².

Enforcing the DSA is a priority for the Commission. It has opened investigations concerning the compliance of Meta³ and TikTok⁴ with the DSA in the area of information integrity. As part of these ongoing investigations, the Commission is analysing reports related to incidents in Hungary.

To enhance election preparedness, the Hungarian Digital Services Coordinator (DSC) hosted a DSA election roundtable on 5 March 2026 with VLOPs and national authorities to enhance election preparedness. The Commission attended upon invitation of the Hungarian DSC. Such roundtables have become best practice in preparing for national elections in Member States.

In addition, from 2 August 2026, under the AI Act⁵, the duty to mark and enable detection when content, such as images, audio, or video, has been artificially generated or manipulated, and labelling of deep fakes and certain AI generated publications on public matters will apply.

Looking ahead, under the European Democracy Shield⁶, the Commission is planning to develop a DSA incidents and crisis protocol to address major interference in the information environment and is working with the European Digital Services Board to update the election toolbox on election preparedness.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2022/2065, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2065/oj/eng>.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C_202403014.

³ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_2373.

⁴ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-opens-formal-proceedings-against-tiktok-election-risks-under-digital-services-act>.

⁵ Regulation (EU) 2024/1689, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1689/oj/eng>.

⁶ https://commission.europa.eu/news-and-media/news/stronger-measures-protect-our-democracy-and-civil-society-2025-11-12_en.