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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission continues to monitor compliance, including by the provider of X, with the Digital Services Act (DSA)¹ in the EU. In this context, the Commission is aware of the changes announced by Mr. Elon Musk.

The DSA stands for transparency and for protecting freedom of expression online. Since the entry into force of the DSA in October 2022 and its full entry into application in February 2024, everyone in the EU already has the right to know how and why platforms remove, moderate, and recommend content. Under Article 15 DSA, providers of intermediary services must make publicly available reports on any content moderation that they engaged in, including on orders received from Member States' authorities sorted by type of illegal content, while Article 17 of the DSA requires providers of hosting services to provide a statement of reasons for every content action. Article 24(5) DSA then requires providers of online platforms to submit those content moderation decisions and statements of reasons to the Commission for their inclusion in a public database managed by the Commission, i.e. the DSA Transparency Database.

Orders issued by competent Member State's authorities must be adopted on the basis of applicable EU law or with national law in compliance with EU law, including the Charter of Fundamental Rights.

The Commission therefore welcomes the growing recognition that transparency over platform moderation decisions is an important user right. It encourages all providers to give full effect to the transparency obligations that the DSA already sets out, so that users know why their content may have been affected.

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