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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is following closely the recent settlement between Meta and United States (US) attorney-generals.

Some of the measures that Meta has offered to implement in the US are already in place in the EU thanks to the Digital Services Act (DSA)¹ and its Guidelines on the Protection of Minors where the Commission described the measures that it considers providers of online platforms accessible to minors should put in place to comply with their obligation under Article 28 DSA². For instance, all users in the EU, whether minors or adults, should already have the option of an algorithmic feed not based on profiling and the ability to report content considered to be illegal on Facebook and Instagram.

The Commission will continue to enforce the DSA vis-à-vis Meta to ensure the protection of children in the EU. As part of this, it adopted preliminary findings regarding Meta's failure to put in place effective measures to prevent minors under 13 from accessing their service³ and regarding the failure to consider certain addictive design features of Instagram and Facebook as part of their obligation to assess and mitigate systemic risks stemming from its services.⁴ The Commission will continue discussions with Meta to ensure the protection of children in the EU as required by the DSA.

The Commission will not speculate whether these measures which are part of the US settlement are effective, nor whether they would be enough to address all issues currently under investigation in the EU.

¹ 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); OJ L 277, 27.10.2022, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2065/oj>.

² Guidelines on measures to ensure a high level of privacy, safety and security for minors online, pursuant to Article 28(4) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2065; OJ C, C/2025/5519, 10.10.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2025/5519/oj>.

³ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-preliminarily-finds-meta-breach-digital-services-act-failing-prevent-minors-under-13>.

⁴ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-preliminarily-finds-addictive-design-instagram-and-facebook-breach-digital-services-act>.