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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen

On behalf of the European Commission

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The Commission has been investigating X, designated as a Very Large Online Platform under the Digital Services Act (DSA)¹, for suspected breaches of different articles, including suspected lack of compliance with, amongst others, Article 34(1) and (2) and 35(1) of the DSA. These provisions oblige providers of designated platforms inter alia to diligently identify, analyse and assess various systemic risks, and put in place effective mitigation measures. The current investigations against X include risks linked to civic discourse and elections in the EU, including risks stemming from the design and functioning of its algorithmic systems.

On 17 January 2025, the Commission ordered X to retain internal documents and information regarding future changes to the design and functioning of its recommender algorithms, while also requesting internal documentation on its recommender system relating to past changes. The Commission also ordered access to certain technical interfaces (APIs) to allow direct fact-finding on content moderation and virality of accounts.

These measures will allow the Commission services to take all relevant facts into account in the assessment under the DSA of systemic risks and their mitigation.

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), OJ L 277, 27.10.2022, p. 1–102.