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on behalf of the European Commission
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The conduct and the organisation of elections are the competence and responsibility of the Member States, in accordance with their national constitutional and legislative rules, while respecting their international obligations and EU law. The Commission does not interfere in the electoral processes of Member States.

The Digital Services Act (DSA)[1] requires providers of very large online platforms (VLOPs) and very large online search engines (VLOSEs) to assess and mitigate systemic risks linked to electoral processes and civic discourse, while protecting fundamental rights, including the freedom of expression[2]. The Commission issued guidelines for VLOPs and VLOSEs on the mitigation of systemic risks for electoral processes, which recommend different mitigation measures[3].

Digital Services Coordinators (DSCs) coordinate work at national level with the aim of ensuring VLOPs and VLOSEs' compliance with the DSA, including during electoral periods. The European Board for Digital Services, composed of the DSCs, compiled a DSA Elections Toolkit aiming to support DSCs in this task[4]. DSCs can organise election roundtables to facilitate information sharing and coordination between relevant stakeholders within the scope of the DSA and based on their legal competences and local election legislation. Upon the concerned DSC's request, the Commission can provide support in this exercise. The Commission has so far not received a request to provide support for a roundtable in Poland.

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[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: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2065/oj/eng
[2] Articles 34 and 35 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2065.
[3] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52024XC03014&qid=1714466886277
[4] https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/dsa-elections-toolkit-digital-services-coordinators