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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission acknowledges the importance of ensuring a safe, predictable and trusted online environment.

Pursuant to Article 91(1), second subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) 2022/2065¹ (Digital Services Act, DSA) by 17 November 2025, the Commission must evaluate and report to the European Parliament, the Council and the European Economic and Social Committee on (a) the application of Article 33 of the DSA², including the scope of providers of intermediary services covered by the obligations applicable to very large online platforms (VLOPs) and very large online search engines (VLOSEs), and (b) the way that the DSA interacts with other legal acts, in particular those listed in Article 2(3) and (4) of the DSA.

To this purpose, the Commission is preparing the report, prior to the launch for adoption and the formal transmission of the report to the European Parliament, the Council and the Economic and Social Committee.

As the report due by 17 November 2025 is targeted to the specific scope established in Article 91(1) of the DSA, the potential requirement of mandatory identity verification for social media accounts is not in scope and will not be covered. This is without prejudice to other evaluation reports due by 17 November 2027 and five years thereafter pursuant to Article 91, paragraph 2 to 6, of the DSA.

¹ OJ L 277, 27.10.2022, p. 1–102, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2065/oj>.

² Article 33 sets out the threshold and process for the designation of very large online platforms (VLOPs) and very large online search engines (VLOSEs).