

(English version)

**Priority question for written answer P-002681/25
to the Commission
Fernand Kartheiser (NI)
(2 July 2025)**

Subject: Arrangements for the review of the Digital Services Act

In her answer to priority Question P-001672/2025 ⁽¹⁾ on the review of the Digital Services Act in November 2025, Executive Vice-President Virkkunen discusses a number of points that raise questions as to how the assessment will be conducted. Those questions require clarification.

1. What is ‘the ongoing work of the Simplification Package’, what exactly does that work entail and what methodology will be used for the review process?
2. What are the ‘variety of stakeholders’ (civil society organisations, companies and regulatory authorities) and the ‘other relevant analysis’ on which it intends to base its evaluation report?
3. Can the Commission specify the amount and budget years during which the ‘stakeholders’ referred to in paragraph 2 received funding? What ‘other relevant analysis’ has also received Commission funding?

Submitted: 2.7.2025

**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen on behalf of the European Commission
(8 August 2025)**

The Commission announced ⁽¹⁾ the proposal of a Digital Simplification Package in the fourth quarter of the year, including a Digital Omnibus with concrete measures of regulatory simplification. The Commission will also propose the Business Wallet, as a trusted solution for all interactions between businesses and authorities.

This builds on the ongoing stress-testing of the EU’s digital acquis, including through implementation dialogues, with a first dialogue focusing on data legislation ⁽²⁾.

The Commission also carried out several public consultations and calls for evidence on simplification measures related to the Apply Artificial Intelligence Strategy ⁽³⁾, the revision of the Cybersecurity Act ⁽⁴⁾, the Data Union Strategy ⁽⁵⁾ and the EU Business Wallet ⁽⁶⁾.

As regards Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 (Digital Services Act, DSA ⁽⁷⁾), the Commission is preparing a report mandated in Article 91(1) DSA on the application of its Article 33 and on the way that the DSA interacts with other legal acts, including the E-Commerce Directive ⁽⁸⁾, General Data Protection Regulation ⁽⁹⁾ or EU law on consumer protection and product safety.

To support the preparatory work, the Commission launched an independent legal study and has consulted relevant stakeholders via three dedicated surveys.

Respondents included online platforms, search engines (including very large online platforms and search engines, and small and medium-sized enterprises), civil society organisations supporting user and consumer interests, protection of minors and democratic discourse, national administrations, regulators and competent national authorities.

All the preparatory work towards the report set out in Article 91(1) of the DSA report is carried out directly by the Commission with its own budget. No payment is made to any stakeholders for this purpose.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-10-2025-001672-ASW_EN.html

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC0047>.

⁽²⁾ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/executive-vice-president-virkkunen-hosts-dialogue-eu-data-policy#:~:text=On%201%20July%202025%2C%20Executive%20Vice-President%20for%20Technological,where%20current%20policies%20can%20be%20simplified%20or%20streamlined>.

⁽³⁾ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/consultations/commission-launches-public-consultation-and-call-evidence-apply-ai-strategy>.

⁽⁴⁾ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-opens-consultation-revising-eu-cybersecurity-act>.

⁽⁵⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14541-European-Data-Union-Strategy_en;

⁽⁶⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14663-European-Business-Wallet-digital-identity-secure-data-exchange-and-legal-notifications-for-simple-digital-business_en.

⁽⁷⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2065/oj/eng>.

⁽⁸⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2000/31/oj/eng>.

⁽⁹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/679/oj/eng>.