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**Priority question for written answer P-000088/26  
to the Commission  
Nina Carberry (PPE)  
(13 January 2026)**

*Subject:* Request for enforcement action under the Digital Services Act regarding Grok and harmful deepfake content

Given that the UK media regulator Ofcom launched an investigation on 12 January 2026 into social media platform X over the creation by the Grok AI chatbot of deepfake sexual images, including of children, will the Commission confirm whether it will immediately open formal proceedings under the Digital Services Act in relation to the use of Grok within the EU?

In particular:

Will the Commission commit to using its full enforcement powers under Article 70 of the Digital Services Act, including the possibility of ordering temporary suspensions or restrictions of services that breach EU law, especially in relation to child sexual abuse material?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen on behalf of the European Commission  
(19 February 2026)**

On 26 January 2025, the Commission initiated a new formal investigation<sup>(1)</sup> against the provider of X under the Digital Services Act (DSA)<sup>(2)</sup>, which will assess whether the company properly assessed and mitigated risks associated with the deployment of Grok's functionalities into X in the EU prior to that deployment.

This includes assessing and mitigating risks related to the dissemination of illegal content in the EU, such as manipulated sexually explicit images, including content that may amount to child sexual abuse material.

The investigation was launched following the Commission's suspicions that Grok is being used to generate and disseminate illegal content, in particular, manipulated, sexually explicit images, including of children, as corroborated by independent public reports.

Should the Commission conclude that provider has infringed its obligations under the DSA, it can adopt a fine of up to 6% of its total worldwide annual turnover and order that provider to cease the infringement, including the adoption of an action plan setting out the measures the provider will adopt to comply with those obligations.

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<sup>(1)</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_26\\_203](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_26_203).

<sup>(2)</sup> 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.