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The Commission closely follows the recent settlement between Meta and US attorneys-general. With the Digital Services Act (DSA)[1], the EU has a legislative framework in place that applies, amongst others, to social media companies which offer services in the EU, not just those that are part of individual settlements. Some of the settlement's measures are already in place here thanks to the DSA and its Guidelines on the Protection of Minors[2], which detail the Commission's expectations under the DSA and largely mirror the commitments agreed by Meta in the US. Meta is required to fully comply with these legislative tools. In July 2026, the Commission preliminarily found Meta in breach of the DSA for the addictive design of Instagram and Facebook, affecting minors and vulnerable adults.

The proposed EU Keeping Internet Digital Spaces (KIDS) Accountable and Trustworthy Act[3] specifies the Guidelines in law, providing dos and don'ts for all services in scope. For social media and video-sharing platforms accessible to minors, the proposal bans designs encouraging compulsive use. It also sets common age rules for creating an account on these services: the proposal prohibits social media accounts under 13 and provides for parent-supervised accounts at 13 and 14, as well as for independent accounts from 15. The KIDS Act proposal also speeds up Commission enforcement.

The Digital Fairness Act, which the Commission plans to propose by the end of 2026, will complement this by strengthening the protection of consumers, including minors, in the digital space.

[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), https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2065/oj/eng.
[2] Communication from the Commission – Guidelines on measures to ensure a high level of privacy, safety and security for minors online, pursuant to Article 28(4) of Regulation (EU) 2022/2065, https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/C/2025/5519/oj.
[3] https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_26_1890.