Question for written answer E-000326/2025 to the Commission Rule 144 Veronika Cifrová Ostrihoňová (Renew)

Subject: Fact-checkers and very large online platform (VLOP) commitments

The EU launched its Code of Practice on Disinformation in 2018 and updated it in 2022. To date, more than 40 digital platforms, non-profit organisations, fact-checkers and research institutes have signed up to it. This voluntary document also includes several commitments from signatories to strengthen collaboration with fact-checkers.

What changes does the Commission plan to make to this document if the major digital platforms and search engines, such as Google and Meta, stop cooperating with fact-checkers and cease to honour their commitments in the area of controlling the spread of misinformation on the internet?

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