

**Question for written answer E-002200/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Resubmission of question E-001563/2024 of 28.8.2024 – in the absence of a full answer

In the absence of a full answer to my previous question (E-001563/2024¹), which was answered on 10 October 2024, I would again like to ask the following questions:

1. Question 1: ‘Did the Commission offer X or any other very large online platforms (VLOPs) any agreement on restricting political content in exchange for avoiding financial penalties? If so, what is the content of such agreements?’ – this question remains unanswered. The answer given refers, in general terms, to the scope of the Commission’s powers, but does not directly answer the question that was asked. Could the Commission respond again on this issue. Could it please clarify whether such agreements on the restriction of political content were in fact made and, if so, what those agreements contained. If not, please could it provide a firm denial.
2. Question 2: ‘How does the Commission intend to put a stop to the push for preventive censorship under the pretext of combating harmful content, which could lead to a “digital totalitarianism” in which opinions that challenge dominant ideas are systematically silenced?’ – this question was dealt with in general terms rather than giving a direct answer. Please could the Commission set out what actual and specific action it will take or is taking to prevent the preventive censorship of uncomfortable political content.

I am seeking more complete and more specific explanations in order to ensure clarity on this important issue.

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-001563_EN.html