Question for written answer E-002914/2024 to the Commission Rule 144 Christel Schaldemose (S&D), Stine Bosse (Renew)

Subject: Google and edited media content

Google has stated¹ that some Danes' access to Danish news is going to be blocked. At an extremely challenging time when it comes to mis- and disinformation, it is particularly serious when Google, as a dominant player, suddenly and unilaterally blocks citizens' access to trustworthy content. Google's dominance extends to between 92 % and 97 % of the Danish search engines market. Google's action shows just how much control the tech companies wield over our information flows.

- 1. What will the Commission do to ensure citizens' access to trustworthy information in the face of conduct/interference by dominant players?
- 2. Does the Commission regard Google's conduct as helpful or harmful in combating misand disinformation?

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¹ https://blog.google/around-the-globe/google-europe/more-data-about-news-results-eu/