

**Question for written answer E-002915/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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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. Is the Commission aware that Google is blocking edited media content in eight EU countries?
2. Given the dominant position that Google enjoys, does the Commission take the view that Google is entitled to take this step?
3. Is Google's unilateral interference in the flow of information in line with EU regulation?

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