

**Priority question for written answer P-001972/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission seeking to fine all Elon Musk's companies

On 25 September 2024, we learned from press reports¹ that the Commission is considering imposing fines against Elon Musk. This decision follows the opening of an investigation in December 2023, and would target not only X (formerly Twitter), but also other companies owned by Musk, such as Tesla and SpaceX.

1. Can the Commission confirm that it is planning to impose fines not not only on X but on all companies controlled by Elon Musk?
2. Can the Commission confirm that its objective in this procedure is strictly linked to compliance with EU laws and not to a desire to increase the size of the potential fine?
3. Does the Commission recognise that this could be seen as a targeted attack against Elon Musk, suggesting a personal vendetta rather than impartial action to punish a platform for possible breaches of EU rules, which would in turn expose European strategic interests to potential retaliation measures, for example in connection with the launch of the Galileo constellation of satellites²?

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¹ <https://www.lalibre.be/international/europe/2024/09/25/quelle-amende-risque-elon-musk-de-la-part-de-lunion-europeenne-un-montant-qui-pourrait-saverer-dissuasif-meme-pour-lhomme-le-plus-riche-du-monde-UU52PN5FDZFS3K3GJZGNE2D2RY/>.

² <https://www.lecho.be/entreprises/defense-aeronautique/spacex-designe-pour-lancer-quatre-satellites-europeens-galileo/10501093.html>