

**Question for written answer
to the Commission**

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Subject: Actual or foreseeable negative effects of Elon Musk's statements on civic discourse, electoral processes and the freedom and pluralism of media under DSA.

In recent weeks, Elon Musk has made comments that could potentially have adverse effect on European democracies. Using X, a “very large online platform” within the meaning of Digital Services Act (DSA), he has openly supported a right-wing-extremist party AfD by both making controversial statements, and inviting its leader to a live interview. Musk also suggested that judges deciding on some of the migration cases in the Italian courts be removed from office.

Considering Musk’s ownership of X, as well as his position as an incoming advisor to the president-elect Donald Trump:

- 1) Does the Commission consider these statements a “systemic risk” that could have any actual or foreseeable negative effects on the freedom and pluralism of the media, as well as on civic discourse and electoral processes as per the Article 34(1)(b) and (c) of DSA?
- 2) What steps does the Commission plan to take regarding the very large online platform’s failure to “mitigate risks” within the meaning of Article 35? Will those steps be taken in this case?
- 3) What tools does the Commission use in order to assess the X’s algorithm for the recommender system, and what are the findings of such assessment?