

**Question for written answer
to the Commission**

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Subject: Update by the Commission of its guidelines on tackling online disinformation and electoral processes

In 2027, nine EU countries will hold their elections, amid hybrid warfare and growing foreign interference through information manipulation on social media.

However, the Commission supervises these platforms through the Digital Services Act (DSA).

Article 34 of the DSA requires the assessment of ‘systemic risks’, including the effects on freedom of expression, civic discourse and electoral processes.

Article 35 empowers the Commission to issue guidelines to mitigate them. Although the Commission issued guidelines in April 2024, they remain insufficient to address the latest interference methods.

The necessary improvements include:

- clarifications to Member States on their capabilities to act;
- taking AI into account;
- freezing of recommendation algorithms before elections;
- restricting political profiling;
- promotion of reliable sources;
- the swift deletion of inauthentic accounts;
- the distinction between regular and campaign-specific tools.

- 1 Has the Commission planned to update its guidelines on the mitigation of systemic risks for electoral processes?

- 2 What would be the timeline for their publication before the end of 2026, in coordination with the EEAS, the European Centre for Democratic Resilience and national authorities?

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