

Question for written answer E-001752/2018
to the Commission
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Subject: Code of practice on combating disinformation

On 12 March 2018, the panel of experts on fake news and online disinformation submitted the conclusions of its report several weeks ahead of the publication of the Commission communication on this subject, scheduled for 25 April 2018.

The panel of experts, which concludes that it is up to Member States to legislate against fake news, recommends the setting-up of a broad coalition tasked with drawing up and enforcing a 'code of practice' against disinformation. The code of practice would define the roles of all the stakeholders involved in combating fake news, be they national authorities, digital platforms or representatives of civil society.

Fake news circulating on the internet poses a significant threat to the stability of our European democracies. The competent authorities should therefore consider legislating against it.

Given that the Commission seems likely to put forward proposals for non-binding measures, how does it plan to guarantee compliance with the recommendations that will be made?

Can the Commission already provide details of specific undertakings given by digital companies?