

**Question for written answer E-000865/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Polish Government attempts to achieve increased freedom of speech and opinion on social networks

The Justice Ministry has drawn up a bill to the effect that legal content on social media may not be deleted or sanctioned.¹ The bill is an attempt to increase freedom of speech, protect against ideological censorship and take a stand against double standards.

Users will be able to send a complaint about incidents of this kind to the platform, which will then have 24 hours to reach a decision.

The full title of the law is the 'law on freedom of expressing one's own views and searching and disseminating information on the internet'. There are also plans to establish a special court for freedom of speech, which will operate electronically.

1. Is the Commission aware of the bill? What is its assessment of the content?
2. Does the Commission approve of the content, and is it planning to introduce similar objectives for the European Union?
3. Does the Commission think there is currently a threat to or reduction in freedom of opinion on social media in the Member States, and how does it explain its assessment?

¹ <https://www.epochtimes.de/politik/ausland/anti-zensur-gesetz-polen-verbietet-sozialen-netzwerken-loeschen-legaler-inhalte-a3409600.html>