

**Question for written answer E-002477/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Digital Services Act: liability for own-initiative investigations

Under the proposed Digital Services Act, would an intermediary service provider be liable if, following an own-initiative investigation, it fails to remove or disable access to content in situations where a diligent economic operator using the same search techniques and technologies would have been able to reasonably identify, assess and act against allegedly illegal content?