Question for written answer E-002414/2022 to the Commission

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Subject: Google shopping case follow-up and enforcement of the Digital Markets Act

On 22 February 2022, Executive Vice-President Vestager replied to a parliamentary question relating to the Google Shopping case (E-000133/2022), mentioning that the Commission was in the process of analysing the judgment to see whether it could have implications for the mechanism that Google chose to comply with the decision. The reply specifies that the Commission had engaged with stakeholders to understand their views on this point. Meanwhile, industry and consumer organisations have consistently reported their concerns regarding the inadequacy of Google's current remedies.

In parallel, the Digital Markets Act (DMA) is presented as a parallel complementary toolkit that will regulate the self-preferencing conduct of digital gatekeepers. The Commission will be the sole enforcer of the rules of the DMA. It will be critical that the DMA mandate translates into sufficient resources and skills. During the discussions on the DMA, MEPs have regularly voiced their concerns about the lack of resources to enforce the DMA. Without proper enforcement, the DMA may become a dead letter.

- 1. Following the decision of the General Court, could the Commission clarify its intentions regarding the Google Shopping case: are the current remedies that have been implemented considered satisfactory and is the case closed or will the Commission follow up?
- 2. What steps is the Commission taking to set up an efficient monitoring and enforcement team for the DMA?
- 3. In light of the fast-changing digital market and the financial resources of potential gatekeepers, is the Commission prepared with resources and skills to monitor gatekeepers and enforce the DMA?