

**Question for written answer E-002289/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Platform shutdowns

On the basis of the Digital Services Act, the Commission can fully block access to social networks such as TikTok, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Snapchat if operators do not take action against illegal content in the event of social unrest. This is what Thierry Breton, Commissioner for the Internal Market, stated in an interview with the French news channel *France Info*. He said: 'If there is hateful content, content that calls, for example, for revolt or killing [...], platforms will be required to delete this immediately. If they fail to do so, they face immediate sanctions. [...] We have teams that can take immediate action.' [...] If those responsible do not act immediately, then yes, then we can not only impose a fine but also prohibit them from operating in our territory.'

1. Is the Commission planning to follow the example of authoritarian states and shut down entire platforms in the EU?
2. Under what circumstances and in what timeframe would the Commission order the shutdown of entire platforms?

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