

**Priority question for written answer P-003315/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Crisis response mechanism and so-called trusted flaggers

Article 36 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 (the Digital Services Act) provides for a 'crisis response mechanism' that the Commission may activate in the event of a crisis following a recommendation from the European Board for Digital Services. Given that this Board does not yet exist, this mechanism cannot be activated to respond to the many violent images and illegal online messages concerning the conflict between Israel and Hamas. Furthermore, Article 22 provides for the possibility for the national Digital Services Coordinator to designate so-called 'trusted flaggers'.

1. What steps has the Commission taken to respond to the violent images and illegal messages circulating on the main online platforms?
2. Given that the enforcement component of the Digital Services Act, including the European Board for Digital Services, is not yet fully operational, on what legal basis precisely were any such steps taken?
3. How many trusted flaggers are already active and is there a publicly accessible list of such trusted flaggers?

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