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X/Meta: Greens/EFA warn of Trump's tech friends

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Today, following a request by the Greens/EFA Group, MEPs will debate the need to enforce the Digital Services Act (DSA) to protect democracy on social media platforms. The Greens/EFA Group is gravely concerned about the possible effects of the recently announced changes to content moderation policies by "Meta" and the increase and amplification of disinformation and extremism on Elon Musk's platform „X“. We call on the European Commission to use all instruments given by the DSA to hold Big Tech accountable for breaching European Union law, and introduce effective measures to prevent foreign interference ahead of upcoming elections in Europe, such as the upcoming German elections.

Kim van Sparrentak, Member of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) and one of the Greens/EFA DSA negotiators, comments:

"A true free internet is one where not a small bunch of tech oligarchs, but our democratic institutions - and therefore the people - make the rules. The past months we have seen unprecedented foreign influence on TikTok and X. And Zuckerberg is promoting Facebook and Instagram as a place for hate against women and queers. In the current geopolitical context we cannot afford to be naive. The EU needs to stand strong and stand up for democracy online and offline.

"The best recipe for freedom of speech is a free and safe internet. The push for deregulation in tech led by Trump and his friends will no longer bring us freedom and democracy, but further plummet us into a tech oligarchy."

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