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Dear Ms Virkkunen,

In 2016, the UK was the target of a massive Russian disinformation campaign through social networks, which contributed to the Brexit vote. The destiny of millions of UK citizens within the European Union was stolen.

Nearly ten years later, nothing has changed. On the contrary, we are now witnessing new and increasingly fierce attacks from all of the EU's adversaries across every social platform. Elon Musk's repeated assaults on the EU's legitimacy, his open defiance of the Digital Services Act, and his amplification of extremist and manipulative content on X constitute an unacceptable threat to our democracies.

It is deeply alarming that investigations into these violations have been ongoing for over a year without concrete results. In Romania, the effects of such tactics on TikTok became visible in less than a month, causing irreversible damage, as clearly demonstrated by the recent election results

Our collective weakness is turning into the EU's greatest vulnerability. If we continue to prioritize trade over the defense of democracy, we will lose everything that generations before us fought to build.

The EU's electoral calendar is packed in the coming months. These attacks will not stop and will lead to many manipulated campaigns. We urge you to act on every social platform — firmly, now — before it is too late.

Respectfully,
Nassim & Benoît
Founders of StopElon.eu

About StopElon.eu

StopElon.eu is the first citizen-led initiative publicly denouncing Musk's attacks against the EU and calling for massive democratic resistance, starting with a Tesla boycott.

In just a few months, StopElon.eu has gained worldwide media coverage and thousands of registrations from people across the EU ready to take public action against Musk's acts.

More than just opposing Musk's interference, StopElon.eu is committed to denouncing all forms of interference in EU democracies. StopElon.eu has received hundreds of messages — many of which are attached to this letter — urging the European Commission to act decisively.

StopElon.eu

I never imagined I'd have to fight for democracy in the EU. The Commission must stop this madness before it's too late.

Anna (Poland)

We cannot just watch as foreign billionaires manipulate our public space. The EU must act, or we will lose everything that makes us European.

Miguel (Spain)

What's the point of having laws like the DSA if no one enforces them? We demand action now, not after the damage is done.

Clara (France)

I see the hate and lies spreading on social media every day. It's poisoning people. The EU must protect its citizens.

Luka (Croatia)

My grandparents fought for a free and united Europe. It's unbearable to see it threatened by unchecked platforms and silence from Brussels.

Greta (Germany)

This isn't just about Musk it's about defending truth and democracy. Do something!!!

Sofia (Italy)

Disinformation is destroying trust in every institution. If the Commission doesn't act now it will be too late to fix it.

Theo (Greece)

We in the Baltics know what Russian interference looks like. Why is the EU hesitating while the same tactics spread again?

Katrin (Estonia)

Democracy doesn't protect itself. The EU Commission has the tools to defend it. Now it must use them.

Niels (Denmark)

We already suffer from propaganda at home. We looked to the EU for protection. Now we need to see that protection become real.

Anikó (Hungary)

This isn't about politics anymore. It's about survival of democratic society.

Cristina (Spain)

You regulate food and cars. But not platforms that poison our minds every day?!

Christopher (Sweden)

Disinformation is the cheapest form of warfare. And we're not even defending ourselves.

Jens (Germany)

I see my parents falling for fake news on Facebook and TikTok. If the EU doesn't fight this who will?

Tomasz (Poland)

Everyone's blaming algorithms but no one's doing anything about it. Enough talk.

Alba (Spain)

You can't keep calling the EU a Union if each country is left to face this alone.

Markus (Austria)

Every day I see fake content pushed to the top on X and TikTok. It's not neutral it's designed to radicalize, especially against muslims. I fear for my future in the EU.

Mehdi (France)