

**Question for written answer E-014960/2015  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Facebook's openness to competition

Facebook, by far the biggest social network, is currently banning all links to a competing website – tsu.com – on the basis of a declared violation of its terms and conditions. Such a ban, although motivated by the risk of spam, seems to exaggerate the limited risks posed by tsu.co.

I would like to know whether the Commission is planning to open an investigation into how Facebook takes decisions involving its relations with competing services? Facebook's market power allows it to effectively prevent users from accessing competitors' websites, potentially harming the freedom of the web and of the market. A completely transparent process and a service neutrality approach are therefore key to ensuring the openness of the internet. If these principles are violated, will the Commission intervene to restore a proper market environment?