
WHAT LAWMAKERS SHOULD ASK THE EU'S NEW TECH BOSS

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Henna Virkkunen is set to take over a hefty role as the European Union's tech chief if she can weather the heat from European lawmakers this week.

She'll have to enforce rules to crack down on some of the world's biggest firms and curb digital threats such as disinformation and cyberattacks. She'll also need to show that she's got solutions to help Europe catch up in the global AI race and handle its heavy reliance on the U.S. and China for critical technology, such as microchips and cloud services.

The reelection of Donald Trump as president of the United States has sparked new calls for Europe to become more self-reliant.

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