

Question for written answer E-014311/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: Transfer to the ECB of millions of items of personal data: another scandal in the offing?

As of October 2015, all banks will send data on their customers' credit transactions to the national issuing banks, which in turn will forward them to the European Central Bank (ECB).

The national Parliaments have been deliberately bypassed and they have, of course, no say in implementing the relevant regulation, for the simple reason that the ECB will thereby be able to identify by name, and to store details of, all private borrowers. My concerns – and, I am sure, those of millions of other Europeans affected by this arrangement – are the following:

1. For what specific purpose will the data will be used?
2. How, given that millions of items of personal data are to be transferred, does the arrangement square with the rights of the persons concerned under data protection law?
3. To what lengths will the European Union go to access, and misuse for its own ends, private data about millions of Europeans? Where are we to draw the line – given that the possibility of the ECB requiring the registration of even more data cannot be excluded?