

**Question for written answer E-000115/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Age limit for social media registration without consent of legal representatives

Under draft rules proposed in 2012 governing the protection of personal data that are currently pending in the legislative process, the consent of a legal representative is required for a social media account to be opened on behalf of anyone under the age of 13. In trilogue meetings it was agreed that Member States will be able to set their own age limit between the ages of 13 and 16. All the Member States have ratified international conventions safeguarding the rights of children.

Why did the Commission propose to modify by means of European legislation the minimum age limit for registration of children on social networking sites without the consent of their legal representative?

On what grounds can the objective of the proposal not be satisfactorily achieved solely by national legislation without framework harmonisation at EU level?

How exactly does the Commission propose to monitor and ensure compliance with this rule?