Question for written answer E-000472/2016 to the Commission

Rule 130

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Subject: Right to be forgotten by Google

Google recently said that it has no intention of extending the right to be forgotten granted at EU level to all versions of its website, as the CNIL (France's National Committee on Technology and Freedoms) has been calling for since 12 June 2015.

Following a ruling by the CJEU, EU citizens can ask for links containing personal information that they deem to be 'inadequate, irrelevant or excessive' for the purposes of data processing to be removed from search engine results.

Google has received 280 000 such requests in the EU, 60 000 (21%) of them from France, relating to more than a million websites.

If Google agrees, the links are taken down on the European versions of its website (.fr, .es, .co.uk, etc.), but not on the global version (.com) or on those in use in countries outside the EU.

The CNIL is now calling for the links in question to be removed from all domains worldwide, and not just in the EU, so that the right to be forgotten actually means what it says.

How will the Commission encourage Google to do this?

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