

**Question for written answer E-001113/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU-US Privacy Shield

After the Court of Justice struck down the Safe Harbour arrangement with the US, there were great hopes that data protection would, in many respects, change for the better. If data are transferred to the US, they have to be processed in accordance with European data protection standards and legally protected. Although the Commission has supplied some information about a new arrangement with the US, several questions have yet to be answered.

1. To what extent will the new arrangements with the United States be legally binding?
2. What legal means will EU citizens have to enforce protection of their data?
3. What alternatives is the Commission proposing if the US rules fall short of European data protection standards or, to put it another way, if it proves impossible to reach an agreement acceptable to the EU?