

**Question for written answer E-001970/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: European Data Protection Supervisor

A few days ago the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) issued its opinion on the proposal for a European Parliament and Council directive on certain aspects concerning online sales contracts. The opinion warned against 'any new provision introducing the idea that people can pay with their data [in] the same way as they do with money'. The EDPS took the view that fundamental rights such as the right to protection of personal data 'cannot be reduced to simple consumer interests, and personal data cannot be considered as a mere commodity'. It also pointed out that the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) was not yet fully in force and the proposed new e-privacy legislation was currently under discussion. It therefore called for the EU to avoid 'any new proposals that upset the careful balance negotiated by the EU legislator on data protection rules. Overlapping initiatives could inadvertently put at risk the coherence of the Digital Single Market, resulting in regulatory fragmentation and legal uncertainty'.

What does the Commission think about this opinion and what steps, if any, does it intend to take?