

**Question for written answer E-005664/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Sanctions on Facebook

The Spanish Data Protection Agency (Agencia Española de Protección de Datos – AEPD) recently fined Facebook EUR 1 200 000 after having found that it used data, including specially protected data, for advertising purposes without obtaining consent and that it does not fully delete user information where it is no longer relevant for the purpose for which it was collected or when the users request it to do so. The Spanish Data Protection Agency imposed this penalty because of two serious infringements and one very serious infringement of the Spanish Data Protection Act in particular.

These sanctions are the result of changes introduced by Facebook in their terms and conditions of use in January 2015, after which the data protection authorities of Spain, Belgium, France, Hamburg and the Netherlands set up a contact group to coordinate their actions.

Can the Commission say whether it is aware of these facts and what measures it has taken, or intends to take, or, as the case may be, whether it intends to amend any such measures in the light of sanctions such as that referred to above, considering that the changes made and the practices followed by Facebook affect the whole of the EU?