Question for written answer E-007436/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Richard Sulík (ECR)

Subject: Implementation of the Regulation on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data (GDPR)

Although the Commission mainly investigates national laws after the deadline for the transposition of a directive or for the entry into force of a regulation has passed, my question concerns a draft law for which this deadline has not yet passed.

Even though the Regulation is directly applicable and does not need to be transposed into a Member State's legal order, the Office for Personal Data Protection of the Slovak Republic has proposed that a law be adopted which transposes Directive (EU) 2016/680 and implements the necessary sections of Regulation (EU) 2016/679. However, it also expands the scope of the provisions of the Regulation to include areas that do not come under EU law, as well as the area of common foreign and security policy. Furthermore, in some places the transcription is word-for-word, and in other places it is incomplete.

Therefore, in addition to rights and duties analogous to those in the GDPR, penalties – including fines – will be applied in areas beyond the scope of the Regulation.

- 1. Is the Commission taking note of developments concerning the transposition of the Directive and the implementation of the Regulation in Slovakia?
- 2. Is the aforementioned procedure for the implementation of a regulation standard?
- 3. Could this not lead to legal uncertainty, since the entities concerned will be subject to the rights and duties arising from both the Regulation and Slovak law, which could contradict the Regulation and create an atmosphere of legal uncertainty for the entities concerned?