

Question for written answer E-002173/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Attempted fraud in connection with the need for businesses to adapt to the provisions of the GDPR

Irregularities that have come to light in recent weeks regarding the transmission of private individuals' confidential data once again highlight the need to strengthen the rules on the protection of personal data in the European Union. This is the main objective of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The GDPR will shortly enter into force in full, meaning that businesses will need to adapt to the range of new and complex requirements which it lays down. Unfortunately, in some Member States, including France and Poland, there are firms which are seeking to exploit this situation dishonestly by, for example, offering auditing services of questionable quality or certificates with no legal value whatsoever. What is more, if their products and services are declined, some of these firms are even threatening to notify the law enforcement authorities that the business concerned may be committing an offence. SMEs are particularly vulnerable to fraud as their limited resources mean they are not always able to check whether a firm is honest.

In this connection, is the Commission aware of attempted fraud in some Member States in connection with the need for businesses to adapt to the provisions of the GDPR? What action is it planning to take to curb such reprehensible practices?