

**Question for written answer E-000579/2019/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: GDPR loophole

A significant number of complaints have been received by our office with regard to a possible circumvention of the GDPR. The complaints concern a spam campaign directed at ordinary citizens. Personal data is being exploited through a simple online scheme. Allegedly, a local company is making use of a spam advertising campaign through a proxy domain outside EU territory. This proxy domain uses a similar name to that of a local company and advertises that company's products. Upon reply to the spam email, the local company is ready and willing to communicate with the victim. However, once there is a confrontation and the victim asks to be removed from the spam list, the local company denies any involvement.

Is the Commission aware of such online schemes in the EU?

What steps can the Commission take to close down proxy domains that exploit the personal data of citizens?

Is the local company in breach of the GDPR?