

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1938/02  
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to the Commission

Subject: Implementation of the .eu TLD

The European Commission has been given the task to define and adopt, following the procedure referred to in Article 6(3) of Regulation (EC) No 733/2002<sup>1</sup>, public policy rules concerning the implementation and functions of the .eu TLD and the public policy principles on registration. As part of the framework where registrars, registrants and the Registry are included, WHOIS databases are an essential instrument to promote users' confidence and to allow the good functioning of the .eu TLD. In order to ensure that WHOIS databases are efficiently used, it is necessary to take into account all legitimate interests.

Which mechanisms does the Commission intend to implement to ensure that IP rights holders have a direct and fast access to WHOIS databases and obtain all necessary information to protect their rights?

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<sup>1</sup> JO L 113 du 30.4.2002, p. 1.