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Answer given by Mr Tajani
on behalf of the Commission
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1. The INDECT project has been subject to a scrutiny to ensure compatibility with criteria for the processing of personal data (in particular Directive 95/46/EC¹). This is inter alia ensured through an Ethics Review: The Ethics Review Panel has concluded that, following the fulfilment of the review requirements, the proposed research can be funded. The Ethics Review Panel, for example, required the establishment of a 'Project Ethics Board' that will report to the Commission on potential improper use of research results.

Furthermore, when Member States make use of new technologies, they have to take into account the right of every individual to the protection of his personal data as guaranteed by EU law.

2 and 3. The composition of the INDECT Project Ethics Board is broad and it is designed to exert strict control over the project. Given that the results of the project are for law enforcement purposes, participation of police is of great importance.

In order to further enhance the role of the project's Ethics Board, the Commission will recommend to the project to add an additional independent expert. This expert will have proven expertise in ethical and data protection issues.

3. The INDECT project is a research project. Research projects address future technologies for which legislation does not exist yet, for its use beyond experimental purposes.

¹ OJ L 281, 23.11.1995