

**Question for written answer E-001760/2012
to the Commission**
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Subject: Transposition of Directive 2006/24/EC

On 16 June 2011, the European Commission launched infringement proceedings against Romania for failure to implement Directive 2006/24/EC on the retention of generated or processed data associated with the provision of publicly accessible electronic communications services or public communications networks. On 27 October 2011 the Commission issued a reasoned opinion to Romania, this being the second stage of the procedure.

In response, a new bill has been proposed, aimed at transposing the provisions of the directive into Romanian law, which is currently being debated in the Romanian Parliament. At the same time there are reactions from a number of NGOs that are opposed to the adoption of this bill on the grounds of security of the retained data, access to this data and also respect for the rights of citizens (right to a private life, etc.). Among these organisations are: The Association for the Defence of Human Rights – the Helsinki Committee (APADOR-CH), ActiveWatch – the Press Monitoring Agency, the National Association of Internet Service Providers (ANISP), and the Centre for Independent Journalism (IJC).

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say what happens where, in a state that became a member after adoption of the directive, the interested parties now oppose the legislation?
2. What is the Commission's position on this specific case?