

**Question for written answer E-003680/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Management of digital inheritance

On 23 December 2013 I asked the Commission a question on the management of digital inheritance, but as I did not receive a satisfactory answer, I am asking again.

We are going through a period of immense cultural change. People are going over from having physical documents and goods to having these things in electronic form. This is a challenge to our habits, legal concepts and way of life. There is a need to focus in particular on the consequences of digitalisation when people die.

I should therefore like to ask the following questions:

Does the Commission have plans to inform people in particular about their rights and duties as a result of the forthcoming legislation?

Does the Commission wish to add legal exemptions concerning protection in connection with inheritance cases etc., or will it be up to the individuals involved to deal with this themselves?