

**Question for written answer E-004858/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: General Data Protection Regulation delayed

The EU's General Data Protection Regulation - part of the EU data protection reform - was submitted by the Commission as long ago as 25 January 2012. According to an article in the magazine 'Computerwoche', it is to be feared that the reform will not be adopted by the Council until mid-2015 at the earliest and that the regulation will then not apply in all Member States until 2017 (two years after it enters into force). Many users regard this delay as particularly serious, given that there have been more and more reports recently that individuals' privacy has been violated, and/or still is being violated, by agencies of the state or private-sector operators.

1. Since the NSA scandal emerged, has the Commission stepped up its efforts to put the reform into practice promptly? If not, has the Commission not had the possibility of speeding up the process?
2. In the Commission's opinion, what are the reasons for the delay?
3. Has the period since 25 January 2012 been used to make further detailed changes to the reform? If so, what are those changes?