

**Question for written answer E-002109/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: E-democracy and enhancing traditional democracy through ICT

E-democracy supports and enhances traditional democracy through information and communication technologies (ICT) and may supplement the democratic processes by adding elements of civic engagement through a number of online activities, including electronic voting.

E-democracy tools can help foster more active citizenship by improving participation, transparency and accountability in decision-making by buttressing democratic oversight mechanisms and knowledge about the EU and giving citizens a stronger voice in political life.

The introduction of electronic voting is a matter which is very often discussed and gives rise to a number of issues. On the one hand, for example, it could help people living or working in a Member State of which they are not a citizen or in a third country to exercise their voting rights. On the other hand, it brings worries, for example, regarding personal data safety.

1. To guarantee the safety and privacy of personal data and voting, particularly given the chances of a cyberattack, what specific actions will the Commission propose as part of a future electronic voting and voter registration process?
2. How will the Commission deal with the challenges posed by electronic voting, and how will it encourage the Member States to introduce it?