

**Question for written answer E-002481/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Security agencies' access to encrypted data

In an article on EURACTIV.com¹ it has been revealed that the Commission wants to make it easier for security agencies to access encrypted data on online apps such as WhatsApp.

What specific measures are planned in order to allow security agencies to obtain the private or encrypted data of internet businesses?

Will this infringement of privacy apply indiscriminately to all users of the affected programs, or will there have to be grounds for suspicion?

Which internet businesses, apps and programs will be affected by this?

¹ <http://www.euractiv.de/section/europakompakt/news/eu-versprichtleichteren-zugang-zu-verschlusselten-daten/>