Question for written answer E-003987/2018 to the Commission Rule 130 Michał Marusik (ENF)

Subject: Plans to increase monitoring and control of cryptocurrencies

In May the Member States approved amendments to the EU's AML Directive. Promoters of the projects expect the new regulations to increase the transparency of the cryptocurrency market and help reduce money laundering, among other things.

In connection with the above, I would like to ask the following:

- (1) Is the Commission aware of the fact that further development of virtual currencies may depend on the degree to which the proposed rules impose restrictions?
- (2) Does the Commission know that Poland's Ministry of Finance is introducing changes to the law on anti-money laundering and terrorist financing which will impose additional obligations on cryptocurrency exchanges? In recent months the tax authorities have also demanded information from the exchanges on transactions undertaken in previous years.

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