Question for written answer E-000838/2019 to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Unintended consequences of the GDPR

The key aim of regulators worldwide is to render gambling fair and safe. The Play Safe system (formerly known as Face-Check), developed by the Gauselmann Group and presented to the European Parliament in 2017, is a system that allows effective and consistent control of access to gambling venues. Despite its important role in player and youth protection, this system may be prohibited under Article 9 of the new GDPR.

Is the Commission aware of these concerns and, more importantly, how does it intend to provide legal certainty to gambling operators?

Does the Commission agree that the GDPR should explicitly allow the application of such systems to places where access needs to be controlled?

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