

**Question for written answer E-002777/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Built-in data protection and laptop cameras

Article 25 of the GDPR provides for data protection by design and through default settings. Many laptops are now equipped with a physical lens cover so that even if software switches on the camera in a laptop of its own accord, this camera will not display anything if the lens is obstructed by a physical sliding cover. Such technology is proven, simple, cheap and efficient.

Does the Commission consider that all new laptops brought onto the market in the EU should be equipped with a physical lens cover in order to comply with the EU GDPR?