

**Question for written answer E-000363/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Sharing of personal data by dating apps

The popular dating apps Tinder and Grindr share personal data, including users' sexual orientation ¹, according to a study ² by the Norwegian Consumer Council. The organisation has examined the gathering and use of personal data by ten apps and concludes that 'the advertising industry is systematically breaking the law'.

In response to these reports I have the following questions:

1. Do the Commission and the European Data Protection Board (EDPB) agree with the conclusion that 'the advertising industry is systematically breaking the law'?
2. What is the scope of the offence committed, and how many users from which Member States are affected?
3. Article 97 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requires the Commission to submit a report to the European Parliament and the Council evaluating the GDPR by 25 May 2020. What lessons will the Commission learn from this law-breaking, both for better legislation and for better enforcement?

¹ <https://www.hln.be/iHln/populaire-datingapps-tinder-en-grindr-delen-illegaal-persoonlijke-gegevens~a6cc82fc/>
& <https://apnews.com/8f3318e83e91275ebf227fd3fd36ef18>

² <https://fil.forbrukerradet.no/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2020-01-14-out-of-control-final-version.pdf>