

**Question for written answer E-000437/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Protecting the privacy of EU citizens from the intrusion of drones

It is undeniable that the use of drones has grown rapidly in recent years and that the number of drones operating in European airspace will drastically increase following the adoption of the EU harmonised rules on drones^{1 2}.

While Regulation (EU) 2019/947 stipulates that drone operators must comply with EU legislation concerning privacy and data protection, the extent to which the General Data Protection Regulation will be applied by drone operators remains in doubt.

1. Against this background, what specific measures will the Commission undertake to enforce the respect of privacy outlined in the legislation cited above?
2. Will the privacy of EU citizens be preserved?

¹ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/945 of 12 March 2019 on unmanned aircraft systems and on third-country operators of unmanned aircraft systems

² Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/947 of 24 May 2019 on the rules and procedures for the operation of unmanned aircraft