Question for written answer E-000834/2020
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Smart meters

The French data protection agency, CNIL, has just issued a warning to EDF and Engie for lack of compliance with European data protection legislation. The warning is due both to the unsatisfactory methods used for obtaining the consent of their customers when collecting consumption data from their smart meters, and to the excessive length of the data retention period. These bad practices could affect up to 35 million users. The regulator has set a three month deadline for this non-compliance to be remedied.

Given the seriousness of the complaint, can the Commission say whether it is aware of any similar cases having occurred in other Member States and whether it considers it necessary or plans to revise data protection legislation specifically in relation to smart meters.