

**Question for written answer E-001127/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Platform monopoly

Between 2004 and 2014, Google purchased 145 other companies for over USD 23 billion without a single set of antitrust proceedings being initiated. The group now has eight products with over one billion users – while no connection exists between the services provided, such as google search or its YouTube video-sharing platform.

In view of this, does the Commission intend to initiate legislative action this year with a view to reducing or preventing such monopolistic practices, particularly with regard to personal data? If so, what specific measures will it take and in which area?