Question for written answer E-002077/2020 to the Commission Rule 138 Aurelia Beigneux (ID)

Subject: Willingness of the Commission to collect European citizens' mobile data during the health crisis

The Commission has expressed its wish to collect European citizens' geolocation data from European mobile operators officially in order to ensure proper compliance with the rules on confinement.

While the fight against the ongoing pandemic clearly requires exceptional means to be deployed, it is difficult to suppress an ironic smile at the Commission's sudden desire to limit the free movement of people, having refused to do so at the start of the pandemic.

One can, of course, understand that analysing these data would be useful; nevertheless it raises a number of questions.

What guarantees do we have that the data would be made anonymous and would not be used after the end of the crisis?