Question for written answer E-002692/2020 to the Commission Rule 138 Alexis Georgoulis

Subject: Protecting the personal data of minors in distance education

It is urgently necessary to make the transition to distance school education due to the measures taken to tackle COVID-19; however, this raises a number of issues, including how to protect the personal data of minors. As teachers, parents and civil society organisations have already emphasised, in many countries there is no specific legislative provision for such data protection. It is not known what policy - if any - companies with platforms and tools providing distance education services have in place concerning the preservation and processing of data.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

- 1. What measures will it take to immediately protect the data of minors transmitted to companies providing distance learning services?
- 2. What measures will it take to protect the data of minors in future regarding the use of the relevant data by companies providing distance learning services?