

**Question for written answer E-005646/2020  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Data privacy protection in COVID-19 contact-tracing applications

People in the EU face new concerns related to the use of contact-tracing applications as part of the response to the ongoing second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. The main concerns are related to the potential improper use of personal data and to violations of civil liberties. The failure to implement a single European application has allowed the authorities in the Member States to develop their own solutions through their own policies. For example, the Portuguese Government has tabled a draft law that makes it compulsory for all Portuguese citizens to use a contact-tracing application called 'STAYAWAY COVID'.

1. Does the Commission consider the compulsory use of contact-tracing apps to be a violation of citizens' freedoms and rights and an attack on data privacy?
2. What steps can and will it take to prevent the rights of people in the EU from being infringed and to protect data privacy in this case and other similar ones in the EU?
3. Does it have detailed information on all contact-tracing applications developed by the Member States, and if so, what is its assessment regarding the protection of users' data privacy?