Question for written answer E-002891/2021 to the Commission Rule 138 David McAllister (PPE)

Subject: Framework for an EU Digital Single Market

The European Union aims to become a global leader in the lawful and profitable processing and use of data. The regulation of roaming charges has been one of the EU's most successful projects, with direct benefits for everyone. However, this should not disguise the fact that the EU market for digital infrastructure and services is still narrowly regulated and fragmented. For example, geoblocking is hampering the development of a single market for digital services, and regulation and price competition are preventing telecommunications infrastructure providers from generating the profits they need to deploy fibre or 5G networks. The EU needs a single market for digital infrastructure and services.

- 1. Does the Commission intend to carry out an EU-wide audit to determine whether a more modern regulatory approach is now needed or whether market and competition measures could speed up and expand infrastructure development?
- 2. Does the Commission intend to revise the GDPR so that 'Made in EU' remains the global data protection standard?
- 3. Does the Commission plan to introduce a user-friendly and reliable EU-wide electronic identity (eID) based on the eIDs and digital payment services recognised in Member States?