

**Question for written answer E-003090/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Breach of the General Data Protection Regulation in the procedure for the allocation of places on specialist health training courses

Yesterday, Spain's Ministry of Health launched an app as part of the procedure to allocate places on specialist health training courses.

The Ministry's aim was for the app to make it possible for applicants to access statistics that would give them an idea of how likely they were to be allocated the place they wanted, based on the preferences of those who had already made their selection. Despite assurances from the Ministry of Health that information entered in the app would be anonymous, organisations representing Spanish health professionals have reported that it took less than a day for the preferences the applicants stated in their applications to be leaked, and for sensitive personal information to be made public¹.

1. Is the Commission aware of this flagrant breach of the General Data Protection Regulation²?
2. Will the Commission be bringing this breach to the attention of the European Data Protection Supervisor?

¹ https://www.abc.es/sociedad/abci-nueva-aplicacion-sanidad-filtra-listas-aspirantes-y-cualquiera-puedeacceder-datos-202106092143_noticia.html

² Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p.1).