

**Question for written answer E-003131/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Personal data ownership on the internet

Emerging technologies like Holochain and the InterPlanetary File System (IPFS) give users control over their own data. This decentralisation of data storage offers an alternative to cloud-hosting giants like Amazon and Google.

1. What is the opinion of the Commission on alternatives to the current dominant centralised systems, such as Holochain and IPFS?
2. Does the Commission recognise that a revitalised decentralised internet would give people the opportunity to have ownership over their own data, instead of it being hosted by Big Tech companies?