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to the Commission**

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Subject: Data-sharing by the Portuguese national health service

It is now public knowledge that the Portuguese national health service's main websites have been allowing Google and other advertising companies access to citizens' data for commercial use, through either Google Analytics or the service DoubleClick. This means that individuals' data is collected whenever they, for example, schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine or request a prescription for HIV medicine. Other public services, such as the finance portal and security forces, are known to have done the same. The data held by such services, however, is sensitive and should never be shared.

Aside from the fact that anonymisation tools are never fail-safe, handing over this data allows companies to profile users based on their internet browsing history.

Now widespread in Portugal, this practice is a flagrant violation of people's fundamental rights, as well as of EU law on digital services and personal data protection.

Given that the Commission has set its Digital Strategy as a priority for the future of the EU, what action will it take to encourage the Portuguese Government to adhere to and enforce the personal data protection legislation in force?