

**Question for written answer E-003886/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Precluding abuse of the European digital identity (EUid) by authoritarian states

'The European Union has proposed a framework for a European digital identity which will be available to all citizens, inhabitants and businesses in the EU. With a single click on their mobiles, citizens will be able to prove their identity, send documents in electronic form and use online services throughout Europe with their national digital identification, which will be recognised across the continent. Very large platforms will be obliged to accept the use of EUid wallets at the request of the user, for example for age verification. The use of EUid wallets will always be at the discretion of the user.'¹

1. How can the Commission ensure that a European digital identity cannot be used as an instrument against freedom of expression and to silence critics of a regime if every critical voice can be linked to an individual through their driving licence, bank accounts and other personal data?
2. How can the Commission ensure that the European digital identity will remain voluntary in nature in the future and will not become obligatory for people in possession of such an identity as a result of its preferential use in a large number of cases?
3. What identification procedures might the Commission consider or plan for the future, and do these include identification by means of RFID chips, for example?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/germany/news/20210603-digitale-identitaet_de