

**Question for written answer E-003888/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Data protection authorities call for a ban on the automated recognition of human features

In a joint opinion, the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) and the European Data Protection Board (EDPB) have called for a general ban on the use of AI for the automated recognition of human features – such as of faces, gait, fingerprints, DNA, voice, keystrokes and other biometric or behavioural signals – in publicly accessible spaces. The EDPS and EDPB recommend tightening the draft EU Artificial Intelligence Act, as they consider that the current proposal does not cover a wide enough scope.¹

1. To what extent does the Commission take the views of the EDPS, EDPB and the 175 civil society organisations mentioned in the article above into account?
2. Does the automated recognition of human features constitute interference with the fundamental rights of EU citizens?
3. Is the Commission aiming to ban the automated recognition of human features? If so, on what grounds?

¹ <https://netzpolitik.org/2021/kuenstliche-intelligenz-eu-datenschuetzer-fordern-verbot-von-gesichtserkennung-im-oeffentlichen-raum/>