

Question for written answer E-004817/2021
to the Commission
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Subject: Deepfake technology and revenge porn in Europe

The internet and social media have helped to simplify and speed up human relations, but at the same time have fostered the spread of completely new categories of offence and new sources of liability.

Among the most worrying phenomena are 'deepfakes' and revenge porn, which undermine the reputation and image of a person through the creation of fake digital content and/or the dissemination of images and videos with sexually explicit content, without the consent and authorisation of the person concerned.

Given that the powers to prosecute people for these offences lie with the individual Member States, it is worth pointing out that there are differences and disparities in the assessment and punishment of criminal conduct within the EU, which make it difficult to identify whether an offence occurs in one Member State or another.

To that end, as requested in several European Parliament resolutions, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. What measures does it intend to take in order to promote harmonisation of the laws of the Member States, to ensure there is real protection of the right to privacy for all European citizens across the EU and that criminal offences will be prosecuted?
2. What measures will it take, in coordination with the Member States, to prevent deepfake technologies from influencing and destabilising our democracies and security?