

**Question for written answer E-004995/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Risks for Member State citizens as a result of cookies and granting rights in connection with apps

In an increasingly digitalised world, more and more websites and apps are being used. However, websites<sup>1</sup> and apps<sup>2</sup> also require certain information from users for the services provided. As a result, internet service users may be at risk if they needlessly, and possibly unintentionally, give service providers too many rights and too much information. Ordinary internet users are not experts; they find it hard to gauge what rights and information websites or apps genuinely need for the services they want to use.

1. In the Commission's view, what risks do EU Member State citizens run if they give websites and apps too many rights and too much information?
2. What measures have been taken (or are being taken) by the Commission to protect citizens from being spied on?
3. In the Commission's view, how serious is the illegal trade in EU citizens' user data?

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1 <https://www.faz.net/aktuell/politik/inland/datenschutz-was-hilft-gegen-die-cookies-im-internet-17597957.html>

2 [https://praxistipps.chip.de/android-app-berechtigungen-einschraenken-so-gehts\\_35458](https://praxistipps.chip.de/android-app-berechtigungen-einschraenken-so-gehts_35458)