Question for written answer E-005342/2021 to the Commission

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Subject: Register of pregnancies in Poland

On 8 November 2021, the Polish Ministry of Health published a proposal for an amendment to the ordinance of the Minister of Health of 26 June 2020. The draft amendment concerns the scope of medical data that will need to be transferred by all medical service providers to the medical information system. The reporting will become mandatory on 1 July 2022.

Given the backtracking on women's rights in Poland, and in particular the de facto abortion ban and the chilling effect it is having on doctors, there are serious concerns that the proposed measures will jeopardise the safety of Polish women.

Alarmingly, the transferred data would need to include information on pregnancy. This could be yet another attempt by the Polish Government to deprive women of their right to privacy and freedom, including the right to abortion.

In the light of the above, could the Commission answer the following questions:

- 1. What is its assessment of the Polish Government's newest proposal?
- 2. Is it of the opinion that this proposal constitutes a violation of EU law on women's rights and data protection? If so, will it launch a new infringement procedure on the further deterioration of women's rights in Poland?