

**Question for written answer E-000447/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: EU asset registry

The possible introduction of an EU-wide asset registry is the subject of heated discussions and outrage. A number of EU politicians criticise that such a database would undermine citizens' privacy. A contract worth EUR 400 000 for a feasibility study for such a registry was awarded to a consortium composed of Centre for European Policy Studies, VVA Brussels and Infeurope SA.

1. Does the Commission continue to maintain that it has never suggested that such a register of assets is necessary, that the concept does not appear in any of its work programmes, and that it has never made any official statements suggesting that it considers it necessary?
2. To what extent does the Commission intend to follow up on the results of this feasibility study?
3. Does the Commission continue to assert that such a study does not in any way prejudge future policy options or decisions, even though, according to the call for tenders for the study, the outcome may feed into a future policy initiative?