

**Question for written answer E-000645/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Advanced EU software in our fight against international crime, while protecting rights

The EU has been a pioneer in the enduring struggle to protect human rights and data privacy. In this good fight, the effective protection all people has always been of the utmost priority.

Nevertheless, it appears that recent advanced spyware has been used against illegitimate targets in the EU, which undermines our main values and principles. However, international crime is becoming more highly sophisticated and well equipped all the time, and our protection and safety from that brush against our freedoms and liberties, both as people and as a society.

1. Will the Commission consider adopting measures to protect EU targets from foreign spyware, since it has also been reported that the FBI has purchased the Pegasus spyware?
2. Will it consider acquiring its own highly sophisticated EU software in order to protect its citizens and entities against highly sophisticated international crime, while at the same time guaranteeing its legitimate use?
3. Will it consider launching an EU effort to develop such software?