In the EU, the protection of personal data of all individuals is ensured through the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). It applies to the processing of personal data by private entities (as data controllers or processors) in the EU as well as, in certain cases, when they are established outside the EU. The latter includes for instance entities whose processing activities relate to the monitoring of the behaviour of individuals in the EU. In addition, the GDPR provides that transfers of personal data outside of the EU can only take place if the protections afforded to such data in the EU is not undermined. Without prejudice to the role of the European Commission as guardian of the Treaties, the monitoring and enforcement of the GDPR falls within the competence of national data protection authorities, under the control of the courts. In this respect, we understand that several data protection authorities are currently looking into the processing of data by Yandex in the context of the provision of its services in the European Union. The Commission has been in contact with the data protection authorities and will continue to follow developments regarding Yandex.