

Question for written answer E-002794/2022
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Difference in treatment of Meta and TikTok as regards EU citizens' data

A draft decision by Ireland's Data Protection Commission on 7 July 2022 revealed that it aims to block Meta from sending data about European users to the US.

On 17 June, BuzzFeed published a report based on 80 leaked internal TikTok meetings which seemed to confirm that Chinese actors have access to US TikTok data.

On 8 August, Dr Theo Bertram, Vice-President of TikTok Europe, in a letter addressed to me, stated that 'EU/EEA users' data is currently stored in the US and Singapore'.

In light of this:

1. Could the Commission clarify whether it is aware of the enormous amount of EU citizens' data currently stored outside the European Union?
2. Could the Commission explain the asymmetry in the treatment of Meta and TikTok when it comes to EU citizens' data?