

**Question for written answer E-001754/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Digitalisation of travel documents and fundamental rights

On 5 April 2023, the Commission announced that it had launched a public consultation on the digitalisation of travel documents. It hopes that, in future, 80% of citizens will use a digital ID (eID).

During the public consultation, the Swedish National Health Federation, an NGO, rightly raised the following point: 'A digital system is a major threat to privacy. If, on the contrary, a digital system is adopted, it is required that physical travel documents, passports/ID cards, remain available and valid alongside digital documents, partly because digital systems cannot be trusted 100% and partly because there are people who cannot tolerate to stay with or in the digital system.'

In April 2023, the European Parliamentary Research Service said that the Commission's planned 'chat controls' regulation also violated fundamental rights. They found that the proposal violated the prohibition of general data retention and the prohibition of general surveillance obligations.

1. Which legal opinions examined the proposal's compatibility with fundamental rights?
2. Will physical travel documents (passports and ID cards) remain available and valid alongside the digital documents?
3. Is the Commission planning to amend its proposal for a 'chat controls' regulation in line with the assessment of the European Parliamentary Research Service?

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