

**Question for written answer E-002563/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Terminal equipment as potential spying devices

In its answer to written question E-001601/2023, the Commission stated that Directive 2002/58/EC already provides a certain level of protection for users' terminal equipment. However, Article 5(3) of this Directive, cited in the answer, refers to 'information stored in the terminal equipment'. Furthermore, the Commissioner referred to the competence of national authorities in relation to the monitoring and enforcement of this Directive.

1. Does the Commission consider the use of technologies such as ultrasonic cross-device tracking for profiling and targeting purposes as potentially unauthorised access to information stored in terminal equipment?
2. Have the competent national authorities of the Member States already taken action against such cross-device tracking, and if so, how often?

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