

**Question for written answer E-003145/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Digital euro

Considering the particular importance of the digital euro for the fundamental rights to privacy and protection of personal data, the European Data Protection Board and the European Data Protection Supervisor were invited by the Commission to draft a joint opinion on the proposal for a regulation on the introduction of the digital euro, which is part of the 'single currency legislative package'. They make it clear that ensuring a high level of protection of privacy and personal data is crucial for the successful introduction of the digital euro, welcoming some of the proposed measures but also identifying numerous problems¹.

1. How does the Commission justify discarding the 'selective privacy' approach for low-value transactions with the online modality of the digital euro in the current proposal?
2. With a view to combating money laundering and financing of terrorism, how does the Commission justify that payment service providers should not register the status of potential users of the digital euro (e.g. asylum seekers)?
3. What measures is the Commission considering to guarantee that citizens have the option of paying in digital euro or in cash in the long term?

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¹ https://edps.europa.eu/system/files/2023-10/edpb_edps_jointopinion_digitaleuro_en_0.pdf