

**Question for written answer E-003470/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: Artificial intelligence leading to regulatory gaps

In democracies, truth and transparency are essential for a sound democratic process. Disinformation, amplified by artificial intelligence (AI), threatens citizens' trust and undermines democratic institutions. In this context, it is crucial that lawmakers keep abreast of developments to avoid polarisation and protect the rule of law, while preserving pluralism and freedom of expression.

In the face of emerging risks, the question arises about the European Commission's mechanisms to regularly review regulatory gaps brought about by AI in the area of the rule of law and the intensification of the risks of polarisation. The question also arises about how the Commission can protect citizens from the unlawful use of AI-generated images by political parties or governmental entities.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission have a mechanism for the constant and regular review of regulatory gaps, considering how quickly the technology is developing?
2. What plan does it have to empower citizens to challenge and scrutinise the misuse of AI-generated images, thereby promoting legitimacy and integrity in the democratic sphere?

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