

**Question for oral answer O-000018/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Facial recognition and identification in publicly accessible spaces

1. In the context of the preparation of the White Paper on Artificial Intelligence and the Strategy for Europe – Fit for the Digital Age, does the Commission consider the deployment of facial recognition and/or facial identification systems in publicly accessible spaces by Member States to be inconsistent with Article 9(1) and 9(2)(g) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – since it does not meet the requirement of being ‘necessary for reasons of substantial public interest’ – and Articles 4(1), 8(1) and 10 of the Law Enforcement Directive?
2. Does the Commission identify risks of violations of fundamental rights posed by the deployment of facial recognition and/or facial identification systems in publicly accessible spaces by Member States?
3. If so, is the Commission, as guardian of the treaties, considering banning such practices and/or launching infringement procedures against Member States?

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