

Question for written answer P-014266/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Revision of the directive on privacy and electronic communications

Currently, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is being negotiated with the aim of creating a harmonised and technologically neutral data protection framework in the EU. However, there already exists a sectoral directive, namely Directive 2002/58/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 July 2002 concerning the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy in the electronic communications sector (the directive on privacy and electronic communications or 'e-privacy directive'). The Commission has announced, in the context of the Digital Single Market Strategy, that it intends to revise this directive as soon as the GDPR is in place, in order to ensure a high level of data protection and a level playing field for all market players.

Does the Commission have any plans to finalise the revision of the e-privacy directive before the GDPR enters into force, considering that this is necessary to ensure that data protection rules are harmonised in the EU?

What are the Commission's plans regarding this revision, what will its scope be, and what is the provisional timetable envisaged for it?