

**Priority question for written answer P-005024/2020
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs
and Security Policy**

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Subject: Chinese intelligence activities in Europe

As reported in the international press, Zhenuha, a company based in Shenzhen (China), has an enormous database containing detailed information on politicians, public figures, entrepreneurs, members of the institutions and their families around the world.

In Italy alone, over four thousand people are concerned, more than three thousand in France and a thousand in Germany. This seems to be only the tip of the iceberg of Chinese intelligence activities: to date, only 10% of the data has been decrypted.

Cybersecurity is a priority in relations with China, along with anti-dumping measures, the security of 5G networks and the monitoring of foreign investment.

I should like to ask the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy the following questions:

1. Given that the extraction of large amounts of data from web pages using software is prohibited, what steps does the Commission intend to take to protect businesses and citizens?
2. Does the Commission intend to take urgent action to ask the Chinese authorities how these data were collected and to what use the company in possession of the data intend to put them?