

**Priority question for written answer P-005358/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Increasing number of scams and phishing attempts targeting consumers

According to recent media reports, numerous scams have been circulating in Finland in recent months, such as the FluBot malware, which targets users' smartphones to gain access to their banking and card information. Various scams are also spreading through social media platforms, where personal accounts are being hijacked for criminal activities.

1. Is the Commission aware of the increasing levels of sophisticated cybercrime across the EU targeting consumers, such as malware and phishing attempts?
2. Does it keep track of different types of scams on an annual basis?
3. Does it believe EU consumer legislation needs to be updated to better protect consumers against online fraud and scams?