

**Question for written answer E-002375/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Paragon scandal

Following the revelations concerning spyware developed by Paragon and used to target the director of Fanpage, it appears that the Italian Government could have rooted out the source of that surveillance, but failed to do so. This case brings the Predator scandal to mind.

The attacks on press freedom, national authorities' failure to respond and the opaque relationship between governments and private providers of surveillance technology highlight the dangers of not having a clear legal framework governing companies such as Paragon. They also raise major questions about regard for the rule of law and fundamental rights safeguarded by the European Union.

With a view to getting accurate information on what happened and who is responsible, is the Commission considering opening a structured dialogue with the Italian authorities?

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