

Question for written answer E-003286/2025

to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: Follow-up on the Spanish law on registration of tourist details

From 2 December 2024, a new Spanish law requires firms in the tourism industry, such as travel agencies, hotels and car rental companies, to register travellers' details and submit them to the Spanish authorities. The details include the information given on ID documents, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, the relationship between travellers if a minor is travelling in the group, website addresses for the accommodation concerned, and payment details.

The Spanish Government stated that it would use the data to combat 'transnational' organised crime. The tourism industry has warned of additional burdens and higher travel costs as a result of the new rules.

In February 2025, in response to Written Question E-002297/2024, the Commission stated that it is aware of the law, and that it was 'assessing the [law] in the light of EU data protection law'¹.

1. Six months later, what is the result of the Commission's assessment?
2. Have the Spanish authorities indicated how many criminals were detected, investigated, prosecuted and/or convicted as a result of the use of the data and if so, does the Commission consider this to be proportionate to the massive breach of privacy of millions of tourists?
3. If the result of the Commission's assessment is that Spanish law is not compatible with EU data protection law, will the Commission start infringement proceedings against Spain?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-002297-ASW_EN.html.