

**Question for written answer E-003785/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Accelerated introduction of the digital euro on the public blockchain

‘Money is coined liberty,’ wrote Russian author Fyodor Dostoyevsky in the 19th century about his time in prison. He was referring to cash, as modern means of payment did not exist at the time. In the 21st century, however, supranational organisations are increasingly pushing digital means of payment on to us in order to take control over all payment flows and make citizens entirely transparent vessels.

On 22 August 2025, for example, the Financial Times reported that the EU wished to fast-track the development of the digital euro. Brussels is now even looking into the possibility of operating the digital euro on a public blockchain such as Ethereum or Solana. This move would be highly controversial, as blockchain technology functions like a decentralised digital public logbook. Every transaction is stored, cannot be altered retrospectively and can be viewed by every user. Although the information is encrypted, each wallet has a unique address. Anyone who knows this address can track all of a person's transactions – effectively putting an end to financial privacy and constituting a massive encroachment on fundamental civil liberties.¹

1. Is the Commission planning to accelerate the introduction of the digital euro, and if so, for when?
2. Can the Commission rule out the possibility that the digital euro will be operated on a public blockchain, where every wallet transaction would potentially be traceable?
3. What specific measures is the Commission taking to fully protect citizens’ financial privacy, or is it planning to abolish it altogether?

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¹ <https://www.handelsblatt.com/finanzen/maerkte/devisen-rohstoffe/digitale-waehrung-eu-beschleunigt-offenbar-plaene-fuer-den-digitalen-euro/100149884.html>