

**Question for written answer E-004042/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: First Wap SS7

An investigation from several media outlets has revealed years of unlawful surveillance of journalists, politicians, activists, businesses and citizens by First Wap, a company that gained access to global telecom networks via Liechtenstein, specifically through Mobilkom/Telecom Liechtenstein. Mobilkom/Telecom Liechtenstein has been subject to oversight by the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications, the EU body governing telecom regulators. The investigation exposes how First Wap circumvented EU export controls to sell phone-tracking technology to customers who were under sanctions.

This affair underlines a worrying lack of oversight and enforcement of EU cybersecurity and export control laws, which requires immediate attention and action.

In this context:

1. How does the Commission intend to ensure that national regulators prohibit telecom operators from granting illegal access to signalling networks for spyware companies and other unauthorised surveillance purposes?
2. How will the Commission enforce existing sanctions and security obligations, including acting against telecom operators and Member States that enable unlawful surveillance through negligent infrastructure security?
3. What measures will the Commission take to address systemic vulnerabilities in telecom networks that are exploited for illegal surveillance, notably as part of the upcoming Digital Networks Act?

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