

**Priority question for written answer P-000691/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Greek expat voter data leak and fairness of European elections

The hundreds of complaints made by Greek expats who received emails containing pre-election propaganda messages from the New Democracy MEP who is a member of the EPP, raise many questions regarding the postal voting process, as well as the substance of the EU regulations on personal data and political advertising.

As the recipients pointed out, contrary to what the MEP later claimed, they did not give their consent, nor have they registered on any list kept by the MEP.

The email was sent to voters who had registered on the postal voting platform and on the special national electoral rolls.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What is its position regarding the complaints from Greek expat voters about the MEP obtaining their personal data without their knowledge or consent – data which is held by the Ministry of the Interior – raising big questions about the fairness of the upcoming European elections and the great risks involved in the process of postal voting as a whole?
2. What is its position regarding the fact that the above case proves that not only does the GDPR and the recent regulation on political advertising not guarantee the protection of personal data but that these regulations were, in fact, created to support a profitable data market and the legalisation of the mass collection, processing and transfer of data between state services/mechanisms and business groups for commercial and political ends?

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