

**Question for written answer E-015515/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Hacker attack on Greek banks

According to reports in the Greek press, the 'Armada Collective' hackers group recently attacked the web banking systems of three Greek banks.

As a senior Greek police officer said, hackers overwhelmed the electronic systems of the three banks with thousands of questions simultaneously, temporarily blocking them, and reportedly demanded a ransom in bitcoins. The three banks and the Bank of Greece took immediate action and eventually the perpetrators failed to penetrate bank accounts as the banks' electronic security systems functioned properly.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

- Is it aware of this specific incident and, if so, is there a risk of a leakage of Greek debit and credit card data?
- Have similar attacks have been reported in other European banks in recent years?
- What measures has it taken to protect European consumers and the European credit system from such attacks?