

## FORM FOR TABLING A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

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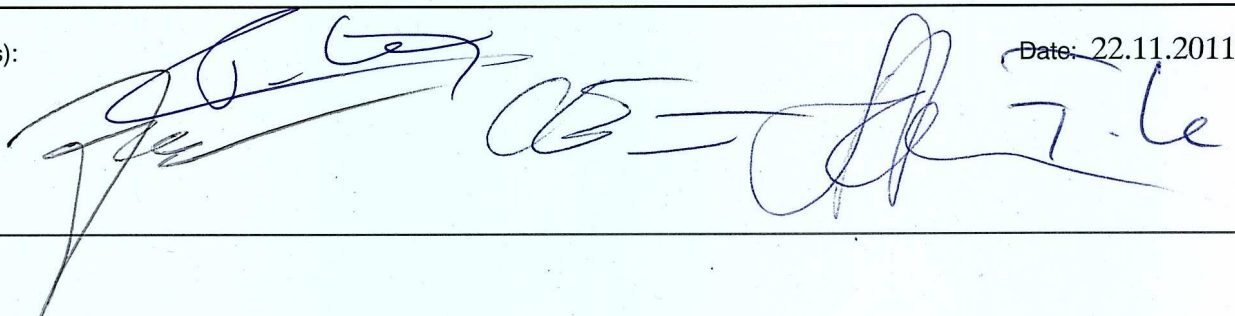
SUBJECT: Software advertising on public websites  
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TEXT:

Numerous EU public websites refer to proprietary software, like Acrobat Reader, as the only possibility to read PDF files and provide a download link. This is a case of direct advertising by public institutions, which creates a competitive advantage for one company to sell its products.

1. Currently, on how many of the Commission's own web pages do such advertisements appear?
2. Could the Commission provide links to these pages, as well as names of EU institutions that have such advertising on their websites?
3. What are the Commission's reasons (e.g. financial gain, lack of other functional software, etc) for advertising this particular software as the only possibility to read PDF files?
4. Have the institutions, that have such advertising on their website, explained whether they tried other PDF readers before? Which software did they mention?
5. What steps is the Commission taking to resolve this problem regarding a) the Commission's own website, and b) the websites of public institutions in Member States?

Signature(s):



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