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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure
on ICT investment

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on ICT investment

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission plan to establish a digital single market by the end of 2016,
 - having regard to the fact that only 15% in the EU make international online purchases from other Member States, only 7% of European SMEs export their products, and, as often as not, European consumers are prevented from making purchases by geo-blocking,
 - having regard to the need to enhance Europe's competitiveness by setting up continent-wide telecommunications networks and digital services that cut across national boundaries by connecting all the Member States with one another,
 - having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas if the above aims are to be achieved, Member States must play their part by investing in ICT systems and digital services;
- B. whereas there are clear gaps between Member States in terms of digital investment: Italy, in 2014, invested just 4.9% of its GDP, compared with corresponding figures of 6.9% for Germany, 7% for France, and 9.6% for the United Kingdom;
1. Calls on the Commission to draw up a more ambitious timetable and to take steps swiftly and as a matter of urgency to bring about a substantial rise in the proportion of GDP earmarked for ICT investment in Member States.