

**Question for written answer E-004150/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Postponement of migration to SEPA credit transfers and direct debits

On 9 January 2014 the Commission adopted a proposal (COM(2013)0937), subsequently approved by Parliament and the Council, to postpone the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 260/2012, which concerns migration to SEPA credit transfers (SCT) and SEPA direct debit (SDD), by a transition period of six months, i.e. until 1 August 2014.

The Commission stated that the transition period would not be extended after this deadline and called once more on the Member States to assume their responsibilities fully and to accelerate and intensify efforts to migrate to SEPA so that all can enjoy its benefits¹.

1. Is the Commission monitoring the progress of migration to SEPA in the Member States?
2. Why has the Commission not provided Parliament with an update, given that Commissioner Barnier committed himself to doing so at the meeting of 22 January 2014?
3. What is the current situation in each of the Member States?
4. Are all the Member States on schedule for the deadline of 1 August 2014?
5. If not, what measures will the Commission take to ensure that all the Member States meet the deadline set?

¹ http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-14-81_en.htm?locale=en