

**Question for written answer E-007655/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Eradication of roaming charges in the EU

This April, the European Parliament adopted a new set of rules on the telecommunications market under which roaming charges are due to be scrapped in December 2015.

In accordance with this new legislative package, internet access providers may not block or slow services provided by their competitors. Other important points are the mutual recognition of electronic identification and the effective management of radio spectrum to free up capacity and allow the fourth and fifth generations of mobile communications to be deployed.

This regulation affects 500 million people, and is particularly important for cross-border regions such as Galicia and northern Portugal, in a market in which more than 200 companies operate under a very wide range of rules and charges.

I would like to know the Commission's expectations on these points, and specifically if it expects to meet the agreed timelines.

1. When will roaming in the EU be abolished and the blocking and slowing of internet services by competitors be eradicated?
2. What progress has been made in terms of the recognition of electronic identification and the management of radio spectrum? When can the fourth and fifth generations of mobile communications be deployed?