

Question for written answer E-001962/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Concern at Italy's slowness in keeping pace with the EU broadband market

Italy occupies one of the lowest positions as regards new-generation broadband coverage, Internet access and use of e-commerce by citizens and is in fact at the bottom of the European broadband speed ranking published in The Independent on the basis of data provided in OOKLA's world ranking.

The Commission proposed the digital agenda for Europe with the aim of developing a single digital market and leading the continent towards intelligent, sustainable and inclusive growth. Each Member State has the flexibility to set its own targets in line with those of the European digital agenda through the availment of Structural Funds and European investment.

In the light of the above, can the Commission answer the following questions:

- Has a survey been launched to assess the impact of the digital agenda strategy in Italy and monitor recent progress towards attainment of the targets set?
- Have there been recent improvements in terms of the specific recommendations to Italy in 2013?
- Does the Commission intend, as part of the review of its Europe 2020 strategy, to revise the rules on the single market to remove obstacles to the free movement of services and incentivise investment in the digital sector?