

**Question for written answer E-002537/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Internet availability in rural parts of Croatia

I have received information from Croatian citizens, specifically from residents of the commune of Vojnić, stating that they have no access to the internet or that they have very limited internet access. According to some estimates, around 40 % of the territory of the commune of Vojnić has no internet coverage or very low broadband coverage. The problem also affects mobile internet, where only very slow 2G networks are available. Of course, this is not the only such case in rural areas.

One of the priorities of EU rural development policies is making the internet available in all parts of the EU. Could the Commission say what steps it intends to take in this regard?