

Question for written answer E-003353/2015
to the Council
Rule 130
Davor Ivo Stier (PPE)

Subject: Creation of a single digital market

Fragmentation of the European electronic communications market should not prejudice customers traveling within the European Union, in accordance with the 'Europe 2020' digital strategy promoted by the Commission.

To meet this goal, and thus offer further protection to EU customers, the European Parliament Legislative Resolution dated 3 April 2014 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down measures concerning the European single market for electronic communications and to achieve a Connected Continent (amending Directives 2002/20/EC, 2002/21/EC, 2002/22/EC, and Regulations (EC) No 1211/2009 and (EU) No 531/2012) explicitly recommends and provides that users of mobile communications services shall be entitled to use roaming services within the EU without additional charge. The Resolution states that this rule should apply to incoming and outgoing calls, outgoing SMS/MMS messages and data services.

Can we expect that the Council will adopt such a position, which would be a significant step towards creating a single digital market, and, if so, when is this regulation expected to fully take effect?