

**Question for written answer E-003726/2015
to the Council**

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Subject: Elimination of roaming in the EU

Last year the European Parliament voted in favour of abolishing roaming charges as from December 2015. This was an important decision not only in financial terms – due to the benefits that will accrue to EU citizens in the form of lower charges – but also in political terms, as it broadcast a strong message about the advantages of European integration.

Nevertheless, far from implementing a petition representing the will of the people, the Council is blocking the adoption and application of this decision by putting forward proposals to postpone the elimination of roaming for three years or to water down its effects with ideas such as allowing 5 Mb browsing capacity without roaming charges.

What reasons does the Council give for blocking the elimination of roaming charges?

When does the Council intend to give an affirmative response to people's demands for an end to these charges?