

**Question for written answer E-006124/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: The issue of ownership of the fibre optic broadband infrastructure

The information that fibre optic infrastructure in the Republic of Croatia (according to the view of the European Commission) should be built with resources from the European Fund for Strategic Investments (the so-called Juncker fund) as a private investment means that such infrastructure would in future continue to be privately owned. This opens the question on how the issue of optical infrastructure ownership has been solved in EU Member States, and on the implications of ownership status over an important communication and development infrastructure. Because of the importance of the aforementioned issues I am putting the following questions to the European Commission:

1. Does the Commission have a position or any preferences with respect to the ownership of fibre optic infrastructure in the EU (public, private), and what are the reasons?
2. What is the situation in the Member States regarding the ownership of their fibre optic infrastructure and is it public ownership that prevails (at state and lower government levels), or is it ownership by private companies?