

**Question for written answer E-007206/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject:     Nationalisation of debit cards

Debit cards are simply a means of transferring money held in a bank to another establishment to pay for goods and services, in the same way as bank notes issued by central banks.

Citizens are the ones who pay for using card services that function like bank notes.

Debit card services are in the hands of just a few providers who abuse their dominant position (essentially Visa, MasterCard and American Express). They have been sued multiple times and even fined by the EU.

Does the Commission plan to promote legislation to place debit cards in Europe under ECB management?

If not, is it considering prohibiting debit card commissions and fees in Europe?