

**Question for written answer E-007991/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Directive on services of general interest

The market liberalisation promoted by the EU is often at variance with safeguarding high-quality local public services. Yet effective and efficient public services are essential to the smooth running of our societies.

Some time ago, the EU developed the notion of services of general interest, so as to subject the market and non-market services that the public authorities consider to be of general interest to specific public service obligations.

Does the Commission plan to table a framework Directive that would defend services of general interest, thereby making it possible to place obstacles in the way of the liberalisation of public services in the Member States?