

**Question for written answer E-011865/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Consequence of scrapping roaming rates

The Commissioner for the Digital Economy and Society, Günther Oettinger, has recently stated that roaming rates could be scrapped in the EU in the second quarter of 2017. In the words of the Commissioner, the Commission, the 28 Member States and the European Parliament will need to reach an agreement on this issue quickly.

This represents another delay, against all expectations, which have been fed by a succession of resolutions and positions adopted by the various EU institutions. Another concern of consumers has to do with the possibility that operators will make the impact of scrapping these rates felt on domestic prices.

What is the Commission's response to European consumers in relation to this fear? How can it ensure that telecommunications operators will not be able to compensate for the phasing out of roaming rates by increasing the prices of domestic services?