

**Question for written answer E-002725/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Broadband subsidy in the United States of America

We learnt recently that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of the United States of America has proposed that approval be granted for a monthly allowance (USD 9.25, to be precise) to subsidise the cost of broadband internet access for individuals on low incomes. In doing so, the United States would take the next step towards subsidising not only landline and mobile telephone services, but also broadband internet services. This measure follows in the wake of the FCC's decision to increase the speed of universal broadband to 25 Mbps.

In light of the forthcoming review of the regulatory framework for telecommunications, what is the Commission's opinion of these events?