

**Question for written answer E-006488/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: TERA cost model for wholesale roaming rates

In June 2016 the Commission released its wholesale roaming proposal based on a new cost-model developed by TERA Consultants. The methodology used in this assessment raised some concerns within the telecoms industry. According to the industry, the new cost model seems to underestimate the operators' network costs. Differences in cost calculations were found in France, where the ARCEP cost model – which currently applies to French operators – shows different results. The Spanish regulator raised similar concerns. Moreover, given the short time frame, stakeholders believe that it is still too early to test the accuracy of this new cost model.

Under EU roaming rules, companies that cannot recover their network costs can still apply a surcharge to their roaming customers to avoid a possible increase in domestic prices.

1. Does the Commission envisage possible market distortions caused by the new cost model?
2. Given the short deadline for completing the telecoms single market, namely the Connected Continent, does the Commission find it feasible to introduce a new cost model at this stage?