

**Question for written answer E-000709/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Internet connectivity in remote areas

Delivering on its Digital Single Market strategy, the Commission adopted on 14 September 2016 a set of initiatives and legislative proposals to place the EU at the forefront of internet connectivity (5G). In order to address future broadband needs, the Commission proposes that by 2025 all schools, transport hubs and main providers of public services as well as digitally intensive enterprises should have access to internet connections with download/upload speeds of 1 Gigabit of data per second. The Commission sets EU-wide common rules and objectives on how the telecom industry should be regulated (European Communication Code). This applies to providers of networks and/or services and defines how they can be regulated by national Regulators.

How is the Commission promoting the deployment of high-speed internet connectivity and supporting 5G innovation in isolated and remote areas of the EU?

Does the Commission plan to include reference to special conditions in isolated and remote areas in its European Communication Code?