Question for written answer E-000968/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Jiří Maštálka (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Proposal for a Regulation on geo-blocking

The Commission has promised to implement the Digital Single Market.

However, the proposal for a Regulation on addressing geo-blocking does not, in my opinion, help with the creation of a genuine digital single market.

One of the major weaknesses of this proposed regulation is already apparent in the wording of Article 1, which excludes a number of services from its scope, including audio-visual services, although precisely that is of course probably what irritates EU citizens or consumers the most.

Does the Commission not regard the proposal it has presented as a missed opportunity rather than a genuine reform? How does it intend to remedy the current state of discrimination against citizens of EU Member States on the basis of their geographical location?

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