

Question for written answer P-003394/2015
to the Council
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Subject: Proposal for a regulation laying down measures concerning the European single market for electronic communications and to achieve a Connected Continent (COM(2013)0627)

The Commission proposal for a regulation laying down measures concerning the European single market for electronic communications and the achievement of a Connected Continent, as voted for in Parliament in April 2014, aimed to put an end to roaming charges by the end of 2015, and set out the principle of net neutrality, thus fostering consumer protection and promoting sustainable development for European businesses and industries in the telecommunications field. The proposal was unfortunately halted at the stage of discussion in the Council; it is now not very clear what the roaming landscape and telecommunications market will look like by December 2015, but it seems unlikely that it will be defragmented and unrestricted.

What is the state of play in the Council as regards this important file?

Could the Council provide an overview of the progress achieved and the remaining sticking points?

Does the Council believe that a timely agreement among the Member States on a common position can be reached so that the original deadline can be met?