

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0285/00
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to the Commission

Subject: Proposed merger between Worldcom and Sprint

The proposed merger between Sprint and MCI Worldcom constitutes a market threat to the European Internet backbone network. Together, the two companies would hold a dominant position in the USA, enabling them to charge increased fees to network operators and users. The new merged company would be able to take advantage of its control over critical intersections to make a profit from the provision of data transmission and data switching services worldwide on Internet.

How does the Commission intend to respond to this anti-competitive arrangement?