

WRITTEN QUESTION E-6130/08
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to the Commission

Subject: Work of the Romanian National Regulatory Authority for Communications and Information Technology

There has been a promising start to the reform, in Romania, of the regulatory framework for electronic communications, with Romania being one of the states to adopt the new EU regulatory framework, in 2002 – and thus even before the set deadline of July 2003 – and with the Romanian electronic communications market growing at a spectacular rate (the annual growth in income from electronic communications was 21% in the period 2003–2005, far exceeding the 8.1% annual growth in GDP over the same period), spearheaded by the mobile phone sector (which had a 106.2% penetration rate in December 2007).

What is the Commission's opinion of the work done by the National Regulatory Authority for Communications and Information Technology (NRACIT, now the National Communications Authority – NCA) in the period 2006-2008, and of the NCA's preparedness for implementing the recommended reform of the regulatory framework?

What view does it take of the frequent amendments made by the government in relation to the structure, tasks and establishment plan of that institution?

What is its assessment of the Romanian Government's response to the questions raised by the Commission in recent months, concerning the work and restructuring of NRACIT (now the NCA)?

What steps will it take to ensure that the Community regulations in the field of electronic communications are duly respected in Romania?