

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2669/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Monopolistic conduct of Deutsche Telekom

In the Federal Republic of Germany Deutsche Telekom is the exclusive marketer of the 'iPhone'. It is not enough for Deutsche Telekom to be preventing, in this way, genuine competition in relation to this 'cult' phone, but in addition the company intends to block 'Voice over IP' services on its network and therefore to prevent telephoning over the Internet. Within T-Mobile-WLAN-hotspots the use of VoIP software such as Skype by iPhones, Blackberry phones and similar devices is to be prevented.

Is this action by the German company in accordance with relevant European legislation? How does the Commission intend to ensure that technological developments in this area are not prevented by quasi-monopolies in Europe?