

**Question for written answer E-5222/2010
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: European subsidies - Expansion of broadband internet coverage in Brandenburg

The State Government of Brandenburg currently provides no new financial support for the expansion of fast internet connections in rural communities. It cites a lack of, or delays in receipt of, EU funds as the reason for this.

Is the Commission aware of this situation?

Why is no financial support being paid to the Federal State of Brandenburg?

How does the Commission view the procedure for supporting proposals to expand fast access to the internet?

Can the State of Brandenburg provide further support for promoting fast internet connections by reallocating various other European funds?

Is the European Union responsible for the fact that financial support is overdue, and if so, why?

What support programmes are provided by the European Union for the expansion of fast internet connections?