

**Question for written answer E-002772/2016
to the Commission
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Subject: Economic return from the internet for Europe

The internet is still predominantly managed and operated by US companies ranging in size from SMEs to huge multinationals. It is the USA, more than any other nation, which receives the majority of the revenue accruing from management of the internet. Although the European companies operating in this sector are productive, investments have been made and the post of European Commissioner for the Digital Economy has been established, Europe seems destined to remain a source of profit for others rather than a player in its own right and a credible competitor to the big US companies and platforms.

Can the Commission put a figure on the global economic return from the internet, in terms of revenue and jobs?

What percentage of that comes to Europe?

Does it not feel that digital market policies should be developed and promoted more effectively and incisively so as to assert Europe's position in respect of the internet?