

**Question for written answer E-000084/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Standard-essential patents and access to fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory licences

The future of Europe's digital sovereignty is ensured when the European SMEs and start-ups developing the Internet of Things technologies of tomorrow have access to standardised technologies that respect the fundamental principles of safety, reliability, interoperability and security. To that end, members of Standard Development Organisations must commit to licensing their standard-essential patents (SEPs) on 'fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory' (FRAND) terms.

1. How will the Commission safeguard innovation in Europe and investigate the global concentration of anti-competitive behaviour stemming from applications for standard-essential patent licences?
2. What concrete steps is it taking to address the lack of access to FRAND licences in Europe for companies at level II of the supply chain?
3. How will it remedy the threat to European jobs by a handful of SEP owners seeking injunctions?