

**Question for written answer E-000816/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Licencing of standard essential patents (SEPs)

On 26 November 2020, the Düsseldorf Regional Court submitted a series of questions to the Court of Justice of the European Union related to the licencing of standard essential patents (SEPs). The questions the court will answer are fundamental to the EU's future competitiveness and its ability to innovate in the Internet of Things.

What steps will the Commission take to ensure that willing EU businesses at all stages of the value chain are able to obtain licences from SEP holders?