

ORAL QUESTION H-0358/04
for Question Time at the part-session in October 2004
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Creation of competition in electronic communications on the Single Market

According to the most recent information (going back to July) five Member States have still not transposed into their own legislation the set of directives seeking to liberalise the telecommunications market. Thus these five are delaying the benefit to consumers and the progress of competition. The Commission took these Member States to court in the Spring. What is the actual current situation as regards the provision of cheaper services to consumers and the creation of competition? Has any progress been made in the Member States in question? Has the legislation had any effect in those Member States in which it has been implemented? What impact has the opening of markets had on the consumer's wallet? How does the situation seem in the light of the Lisbon objectives?

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