

ORAL QUESTION H-0027/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Collapse of mobile telephone infrastructures - need for quality infrastructures

The telecommunications infrastructures in the Balearic Islands suffer from regular breakdowns, thanks to greater numbers of users owing to tourist inflows. This, together with a shortage of mobile control facilities, is creating problems in the islands which are not admissible in the 21st century. In parallel, the islands' municipalities and their inhabitants are concerned at the health risks of the electromagnetic waves emitted by the mobile masts which the municipal authorities have to install to prevent breakdowns.

Given that mobile telephony is no longer a luxury but a necessity for the public and that the problem is increasing with the large numbers of visitors from EU Member States, is the Commission in a position to mediate in order to ensure that all the inhabitants of the affected areas can enjoy their right to quality infrastructures? Is the Commission aware of the problems in the tourist areas, where breakdowns of telecommunications infrastructures and coverage problems are being aggravated by seasonal factors?

Given also that there exist studies, some of them cofinanced by the Commission, which have proved the harmlessness of non-ionising electromagnetic waves, will the Commission provide for some kind of technical advice for the local authorities and the population at large?

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