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Directive 2014/53/EU states that interoperability between radio equipment and accessories such as chargers simplifies the use of radio equipment and reduces unnecessary waste and costs and is to the benefit of consumers and other end-users. This is particularly true for mobile phone chargers.

The intention of the co-legislators in the Radio Equipment Directive (2014/53(EU)) was very clear: a common charger needs to be developed, and the Commission was given powers under Article 3 of that Directive to pursue this.

The Commission’s approach of gently encouraging industry to develop common chargers has yielded no results – a code of conduct produced by industry in late 2017 falls far short of the co-legislators’ objectives.

When will the Commission finally use the legislative powers at its disposal to deliver the benefit of common chargers to consumers and reduce unnecessary waste and costs?

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