

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0846/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Infringement procedure against Romania concerning telecoms and the actions of the Romanian Government

On 29 January the Commission began an infringement procedure against Romania concerning telecommunications. The reason for launching the procedure was the Romanian Government's failure to respect the independence of the National Authority for the Regulation of Communications and IT, starting in 2008. Since the Commissioner for Information Society and Media, Viviane Reding, offered her support for the actions of the newly installed Government, in particular for the new minister Mr Gabriel Sandu, I would like to ask the Commission for the following clarifications:

1. What was the date of the last evaluation and the time period covered by the evaluation based on which the Commission decided to initiate the infringement procedure? In particular, was the last evaluation of the situation by the Commission which led to the start of the procedure conducted before or after the new Romanian Government took office?
2. What is the timeline of a future evaluation by the Commission of the Romanian Government's further progress? What will be the criteria and indicators based on which the Commission will act further?
3. Are the measures proposed by the Romanian Government in line with the Commission's expectations? Practically, what form will the 'support and advice of the Commission's services to the Romanian authorities, in particular to new Minister Gabriel Sandu' take? In particular, does the Commission agree to present a detailed list of all the problems in the field of Communications that the new Government faces because of previous governments' lack of collaboration with the Commission? If so, what are the key areas of concern?

When will the infringement procedure be completed after all the agreed measures have been implemented by the Romanian Government?