

**Question for written answer P-008301/2012**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: International telephone charges

In recent months, the EU has made efforts to reduce the roaming fees between its Member States. Unfortunately, the cost of calling to countries which are not in the EU but are strategic partners of the Union remain very high. Given that increasing globalisation and dynamic ICT growth offer access to cheap telecommunications, high fees for international phone calls seem unjustified.

In light of the above, is the Commission in a position to bring about a reduction in prices for international phone calls to Eastern Partnership countries and does it intend to take any action in this matter?