Question for written answer P-010869/2013 to the Commission Rule 117 Petra Kammerevert (S&D)

Subject: Commission's decision not to consult those concerned before adopting its proposal for a regulation COM(2013)627

In accordance with Article 11(3) of the EU Treaty, the Commission is required to carry out broad consultations with parties concerned 'in order to ensure that the Union's actions are coherent and transparent'. On 11 September 2013 the Commission adopted a proposal for a regulation laying down measures concerning the European single market for electronic communications and to achieve a Connected Continent (COM(2013)627). The proposal, which is aimed at achieving a single market for electronic communications and which is therefore likely to bring about significant changes to the legal situation in the EU, was drawn up without consulting parties concerned.

1. Why did the Commission decide not to carry out consultations with parties concerned in accordance with Article 11(3) of the EU Treaty?

2. How does this way of proceeding tally with the Commission communication 'Communicating Europe in Partnership' (COM(2007)568) and the 'Communicating Europe in Partnership' agreement (OJ 2009/C 13/02, 20.1.2009)?

3. Why did the Commission also decide not to work with the EU's Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) when drawing up its proposal?