

**Priority question for written answer P-004818/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Scope of local self-government regarding the base stations of public mobile networks

Article 57 of Directive (EU) 2018/1972 ¹ stipulates that competent authorities shall not unduly restrict the deployment of small-area wireless access points.

The Croatian Regulatory Authority for Network Industries (HAKOM) claims that this provision refers to 5G base stations of public mobile networks and negates Article 4 (the scope of local self-government) of the European Charter of Local Self-Government ² .

Does Article 57 of Directive (EU) 2018/1972 refer solely to short-reach wireless technology, or can it also refer to the base stations of public mobile networks?

¹ OJ L 321, 17.12.2018, p. 143.

² <https://rm.coe.int/168007a088>