

Question for written answer E-001708/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Withdrawal of the ‘standard essential patents’ proposal

The Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI) has sent a letter to the European Commission requesting that negotiations on the ‘standard essential patents’ file continue – we believe it addresses the problems that arise during negotiations between companies that hold essential patents and other companies that need to use patent-protected technology to develop their products (such as the automotive and domestic appliance industries, etc.). The regulation would benefit many European companies, particularly SMEs, by balancing their positions in negotiations with third parties on an issue as sensitive as telecommunications patents.

What is more, since the Council of the European Union, seven Member States (possibly joined by a number of others) have sent the Commission an informal document indicating that they do not agree at all with the proposed withdrawal of the ‘standard essential patents’ file.

In view of the above:

1. What is the reason for the proposed withdrawal announced in the Commission’s 2025 work programme?
2. Will the Commission answer Parliament and the requests of all those Member States?

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