

**Question for written answer E-002938/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Withdrawal of the ‘standard essential patents’ proposal

During the exchange of views on the priorities of the Presidency of the Council of the European Union on 15 July 2025 in the Committee on Legal Affairs, the current Council Presidency stated that it was ready to restart negotiations on the ‘standard essential patents’ file once the Commission definitively decides whether or not to withdraw the proposal.

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, for example in the automotive and domestic appliance industries, remain unresolved. The regulation would help many EU companies, particularly SMEs, by balancing their positions in negotiations with third parties on an issue as sensitive as telecommunications patents.

In light of the answer to question E-001708/2025¹ and the answer given by the EU Council Presidency:

What is the Commission planning to do in relation to the proposal?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-001708_EN.html