Question for written answer P-004553/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Side effects resulting from the abolition of roaming charges

There are now no roaming charges for telephone calls, texts, or online surfing from a Member State other than the service user's home Member State: this has marked a breakthrough for the digital single market and brought a tangible benefit to European citizens.

The measures to be taken under the legislation to regulate the wholesale market and encourage investment to expand network capacity are intended to ensure that the 'Roam like at home' initiative will have no side effects on the rates charged for services in individual Member States.

According to one view, operators competing on the market are highly likely to increase their domestic service charges in order to offset any revenue losses caused by 'Roam like at home'.

What monitoring arrangements or means of action will the Commission support or encourage so as to avert unwarranted side effects on rates charged in Member States arising from the implementation of the 'Roam like at home' initiative?