

**Question for written answer E-014690/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Directive on measures to reduce the cost of deploying high-speed electronic communication networks

In May 2014, the Commission released the Directive on measures to reduce the cost of deploying high-speed electronic communications networks (2014/61/EU), which is aimed at facilitating and incentivising the rollout of high-speed electronic communications networks by reducing their cost.

The directive has to be transposed by all the Member States by 1 January 2016.

Can the Commission elaborate on Malta's state of preparedness to implement this directive properly?

Is the Commission satisfied with the progress made in Malta with a view to ensuring that by 2020 all of its citizens have access to much higher internet speeds (above 30 Mbps), and that more than half of its households subscribe to internet connections with a speed above 100 Mbps?