

**Question for written answer E-014844/2015  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Internet access is a human right

It appears to be generally accepted that Internet access is an integral part of the daily life of all citizens, regardless of age. Those without it find themselves at a disadvantage, with a lower quality of life, and certainly unable to keep step with the requirements of today's world in social, educational and economic terms.

Internet access for all EU citizens should therefore be a fundamental EU objective in accordance with European policies regarding the Digital Agenda, technology and innovation.

Achievement of this objective would be of enormous social and economic benefit to the EU itself.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say whether the EU is in a position to launch this digital revolution by introducing free access to the Internet for small countries such as Cyprus, Malta, etc.?
2. How the EU will ensure Internet access for all European citizens?