Question for written answer E-014547/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 David Borrelli (EFDD)

Subject: Mobile network coverage

Italy has one of the highest percentages of mobile network coverage in Europe, according to monitoring data made available by the Commission. However, there are still large areas, even in the developed north-east of Italy, that remain fully or partially uncovered by the networks of all mobile operators on various frequency bands. In particular, a number of municipalities in the province of Treviso (for example Fregona, Sarmede, Cordigniano), Belluno (Farra d'Alpago) and certain mountain areas with a lot of tourism still, on the eve of 2016, have no functional mobile communications network, which can cause serious problems, also in case of emergency.

In the light of the current regulatory framework and future legislative proposals to update the rules applicable to electronic communications networks, can the Commission clarify the following:

- how it intends to remedy this situation and provide full coverage in Italy with a functional mobile communications network;
- 2. whether it plans to ensure that, when obtaining licences, mobile network operators commit themselves specifically to covering the whole territory and, where necessary, to establish a system of penalties for operators who do not comply with these undertakings?

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