

**Question for written answer E-014974/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Liberalisation of the telecommunications sector

The telecommunications sector is still subject to too many restrictions and obstacles. When it comes to the liberalisation process, one of the main issues faced by this sector is the shares held by the Member States. Having the Member States withdraw their shares from the sector would be an important step in the right direction, as it would undoubtedly allow an increase in competition. Moreover, the structural separation of the energy market and the implementation of functional separation in certain Member States have shown that introducing functional/structural separation is a powerful tool which allows new entrants access.

What is being done to speed up the liberalisation process and to attract infrastructure investments?

Are measures such as the introduction of separation and the withdrawal of Member States' shares being considered in respect of the liberalisation of the telecommunications sector?

What is the Commission doing to encourage Member States to sell their shares in telecom companies?