

**Question for written answer E-015253/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Antitrust rule violations by companies active in the provision of internet connectivity

Following unannounced inspections of several companies (MEMO 13/681), the Commission closed an investigation into practices connected with the alleged abuse of antitrust law involving the shutting-out of competitors from internet transit or internet content markets (MEMO 14/1089). The Commission announced that it would continue to monitor the sector closely. Statements released by companies such as Hetzner¹ and Init7² suggest ongoing issues with certain companies with regard to appropriate connectivity.

What observations has the Commission made since then regarding the situation in the internet connectivity market?

What kind of action – in both the legal and other arenas – has the Commission taken since 2013 with regard to the internet connectivity market?

What is the Commission's assessment of the current set of judicial and administrative tools, at both EU and Member State level, for investigating and preventing abuses of market power in the area of internet connectivity?

¹ <https://www.hetzner.de/de/hosting/presse/info-0215>

² <http://netzneutral.init7.net/de/situation-init7.php>