

**Question for written answer E-015338/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Commission guidelines on the Internet of Things (IoT)

The Internet of Things is on a path of unprecedented exponential growth. According to the estimates of some companies, by 2020 there will be between 25 and 50 billion connected objects. In view of this growth, CISCO estimates that the IoT will result in economic benefits of up to 19 trillion by 2022, leading to a reduction and rationalisation of costs to industry and citizens.

In view of the major opportunities that could arise for Europe with a rapid expansion of the IoT, in terms of economic growth, social benefits, investment and jobs, can the Commission explain:

- what it intends to do to implement flexible, long-term rules that do not hamper innovation, but rather enable new services to be provided;
- whether, with a view to the revision of the regulatory package on telecommunications, it will look at issues such as technology neutrality, permission to use foreign numbers in Europe and the harmonisation of spectrum allocation rules;
- whether it intends to adopt any rules to facilitate the development of the Internet of Things?