

# Netherlands Opposes European Telecoms Internet Levy

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On 27 February 2023, the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs stated that it does not support the EU proposal allowing telecommunications companies to place a levy on Internet traffic, such as videos and streaming services, because such a levy would present a considerable risk to consumers and businesses.

The levy could be the outcome of a [consultation](#) on network costs, which the European Commission launched on 23 February 2023. As a result, tech companies could be charged for the use of telecom networks.

The Netherlands takes the view that such a levy would increase costs for consumers and violate the principle of net neutrality.

Furthermore, a study commissioned by the Dutch government showed that such a levy would not directly result in extra investments in digital infrastructure.

The full text of the press release of 27 February 2023 is available [here](#) (in Dutch only).