

**Question for written answer E-002201/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
**Piotr Müller (ECR)**

Subject: Removing barriers to the digitalisation of public services

In connection with investment in digital infrastructure and the provision of universal access to very fast internet, which is crucial for the digitalisation of public services in the European Union, please could the Commission answer the following questions:

1. What action is the Commission taking to remove investment barriers hampering the development of broadband infrastructure, especially in rural areas and white spots, which are delaying the digitalisation of public services?
2. Is the Commission considering new legislative initiatives or financial support programmes which could help Member States accelerate the deployment of digital public services and remove barriers concerning digital infrastructure, such as difficulties in accessing real estate or infrastructure?
3. What specific action is the Commission planning to ensure that the digitalisation of public services will be carried out evenly across all Member States, irrespective of existing legal or technical barriers?

Investment in digitalisation and broadband is crucial for the development of modern public services and it is therefore important to remove existing obstacles and speed up the process.

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