

**Question for written answer E-000878/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Extension of the SEPA transitional period

Introduction of the new SEPA pan-European payments system has been delayed by six months from 1 February 2014 to 1 August 2014. Can the Commission answer the following questions in this regard:

1. On what grounds has the introduction of SEPA been delayed?
2. Which countries have had/are having the greatest problems with the introduction and implementation of the planned payments system?
3. At what point was the delay of its introduction first considered?
4. At what point, and by whom, was the decision taken by the Commission to propose a six-month delay in introduction? When and by whom was the final decision taken?
5. When was this decision first announced?