

**Question for written answer E-002002/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU roaming charges

Liberal Commissioner Neelie Kroes is leading the campaign to reduce mobile roaming fees across the EU. We would like to see roaming fees phased out completely in the EU as soon as possible.

1. Could the Commission provide an estimate of the total savings for EU consumers from the reduction in roaming costs since 2009?
2. Could the Commission clarify whether the roaming legislation, restricting the price of calls, texts and data, would apply to a UK phone number calling an Irish phone number while on holiday in Spain?
3. Could the Commission explain whether it intends to abolish roaming charges completely, including in the circumstances specified in point 2, across the EU?