

Executive Summary of the Opinion on COM (2013) 627

The Chamber of Deputies considers that the right set for some European suppliers of electronic communications to benefit from exemptions to pay the monitoring tariff should be linked to the local markets in the Member States, too. Also, it is considered that the European Commission is diminishing the support for competition based on infrastructure. This fact is worrisome because it creates the premises of reducing the competition in a number of markets in the electronic communications sector, which eventually leads to increased end-user tariffs, lower service quality, lack of innovative services, without having any timely guarantee investment growth.

Romania is a typical example for the infrastructure-based benefits of competition. The Romanian end user tariffs for providing broadband electronic communications are below the European average, while the share of fiber networks is above the European average, which leads to quality services offered also above the European average;

The draft regulation should provide unrestricted access to the internet in order to avoid the appearance of restricted internet offers, which would be contrary to the spirit of the draft law. Unrestricted access to the Internet offers represents the key element for the freedom of expression and for the development of innovative applications.