

DECISION

At its 57th sitting, held on 9 October 2014, acting on the basis of Bundestag printed papers 18/1973 und 18/2778, the German Bundestag adopted the following decision:

Modern networks for a modern country – High-speed internet for all

The German Bundestag calls on the Federal Government to

23. seek to ensure during the forthcoming negotiations on the “Digital Single Market” involving the Member States, the European Parliament and the European Commission, that planning security is maintained, that established competition concepts and the framework for activities by national institutions such as the Federal Network Agency are not called into question, and that conditions that support competition and investment are further improved, in order to enable economically sustainable investment in the expansion of high-performance broadband networks, and in particular,
 - that, in a fast-moving telecommunications market, frequency assignments with a duration of at least 25 years do not prevent efficient use of frequencies;
 - that investments made do not prematurely lose value and thus endanger the level of competition in broadband expansion;
 - that through greater retail transparency, consumers receive compulsory notification of the actual speed of their mobile or fixed-line internet access and
 - that the enshrinement of net neutrality in European law ensures we maintain and enable an Internet based on openness and freedom, inclusion, diversity of opinion, innovation, innovative approaches and fair competition. The best effort internet, which aims to uphold data packet equality, is being improved upon and cannot be allowed to be supplanted by a range of managed services. Yet network management also needs to be made possible where this is advisable from a technological perspective, in order to ensure broadband-reliant data and applications can be transmitted and used reliably, without delay;