

Creating a Digital Single Market

Bringing down barriers to unlock online opportunities



TRAVEL WITH YOUR ONLINE CONTENT ACROSS THE EU



FILMS, SERIES, GAMES, SPORTS, NEWS BROADCASTS, MUSIC AND E-BOOKS

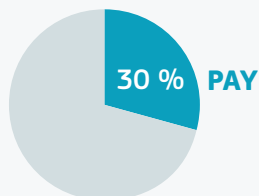
More than 50 % of Europeans access the internet with their mobile devices

→ They want and expect to **access content while on the move in other EU countries**.
This use will be facilitated even more when **roaming charges are abolished in June 2017**.



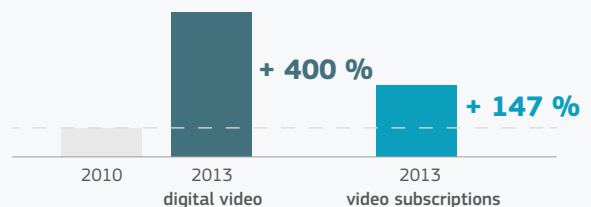
More and more Europeans buy music and video online, especially through subscriptions. The market is booming.

30 % of Europeans who access films, TV series and other video clips online pay to view them by subscribing to an online service or purchasing and renting them item by item.



Europeans who access films, TV series and other video clips online

Consumer **spending** on **digital video** increased by **400 %** between 2010 and 2013 — in 2013 alone, spending on digital **video subscriptions** increased by **147 %**.



Problem

Many European consumers cannot access online content services they have legally acquired in their home country when they travel across the EU. This is especially the case for films, series and sports broadcasts.



Access to streaming services available at home while abroad

Live events such as sports: more than **50 %** of Europeans who have tried could **not get access**.
Films and TV series: more than **40 %** of Europeans who have tried could **not get access**.

Sky's Now TV is an online service offered by Sky in Italy, Germany and the UK, which includes unbundled online sports offerings. This service cannot be accessed by users while travelling in the EU (except for users living in Germany and travelling to Austria).

Missed opportunity for businesses

Europeans are interested in cross-border portability: for **almost 60 % of young Europeans** (15-24 year olds), being able to travel with their content **is an important factor in taking up a subscription**. The **cross-border portability feature would attract more Europeans**, especially those who travel frequently, to subscribe to or purchase online content services.

Solution

The Commission has proposed new rules to make sure that when travelling for instance for holidays in another EU country, subscribers to online services for films, music or e-books can access them as if they were at home.



The proposed rules would oblige online content service providers to offer the **cross-border portability feature to their subscribers** who are temporarily outside their home country. **This initiative is part of the effort to provide wider access to content across Europe.**

Which services are covered?

Services that are **already portable in your home country** and:

- ✓ that you have **paid for**, via a subscription or through individual purchases; or
- ✓ that you are using legally **without payment if** the service provider has already in place a **verification system to check your Member State of residence**.

