

POLICY BRIEF

Policy Leadership in the European Commission: The Regulation of EU Mobile Roaming Charges

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Political leadership in the European Commission has often been associated with the shaping of European agendas and decisions on issues of high politics. As such it is assumed to be a function of the Commission President or of the College of Commissioners. By contrast, we focus attention on a rather different form of political leadership: policy leadership. Our primary objective is to investigate the conditions for successful policy leadership in the Commission. Policy leadership is deemed to be the product of political agency and policy capacity. From this starting point, we investigate policy leadership in the Commission by looking at the mobile roaming case.

The mobile roaming