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Hey,

i run an IT company that is deployed on 1,000 of servers and mobile handsets worldwide. With the new EU global roaming rates many clients here are now asking us to write apps for the Mobile phones. Especially Google Android actually. We can write an app in about 1 hour because the API for the phone is so open. Another lesson for the Telco companies.

The new rates for global roaming for data are now published by the EU !! And they link to the Operators web page so you can check for yourself too !

Viviane Reding is my hero !!

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/roaming/index_en.htm

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i have a pay as you go sim from Sweden that is with Telenor (Vodafone).

Here is how it worked in Greece for me.. I checked on the Telenor (Vodafone) web site and it adhered to the EU rates. So there is transparency in the whole process for the public which is important. I had to make sure i connected to the right Gateway when i landed in Greece to make sure i did not connect to Cosmote or Wind who are ignoring the EU directive still for some reason.

From a village 4 hours outside Greece, i could browser the web from my laptop using my phone as a wifi access point. Little trick to make this work - Hacked phone. Again a stupid thing the Telco do to try to make you buy another SIM for each device you us to connect to the internet. Really stupid approach. It cost me .4 sek per MB. This is 80 Oz cents. I was also making a few calls using skype from the phone. I can call any land line in the world for free with skype now for 50 sek (10 Oz dollars) per month.

I can recieve calls for free from any skype user, mobile or landline. Because its just data, the MB used was close to nothing. Not bad at all, and worked with a "pay as you go" sim (no contract).

I guess what i am saying is that the new laws here in Europe are seriously stimulating business and the IT segment. It is putting money into the hands of other companies other than the Telcos.

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