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## The data-roaming trap and the final skinning

We wrote [last month](#) about how Andrej Babiš and other seasoned travelers can avoid usurious data-roaming charges outside the EU by ordering a data package in advance.

Of the three operators, O2 CR has the best price for a data package (Kč 3-4 per MB) but the worst (Kč 300 per MB) if you don't order one. The difference can be as much as 7,500%, so it pays to plan ahead. But O2 has planned even further ahead. If you order a data package and fully exhaust it, you get a warning message, as you should. If you haven't placed a block on further usage, you then start paying Kč 300 per MB. What O2 [doesn't make clear](#) is that even after you return to any EU country other than the CR, that same Kč 300 per MB rate continues to apply for any data that you use until the 30-day package expires. So you think you have outsmarted O2, but in fact it has lured you into its trap with the lowest rate on the market, and then it has skinned you alive.

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