

One charger to fit all new mobiles as of next year: EU

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A wireless charger by Powermat is displayed at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona in February. New mobile phones sold in Europe as of next year should all work off the same universal chargers, the European Commission said on Friday.

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"It is expected that [consumers](#) will be able to use the same, one-size-fits-all charger for mobile phones sold in the EU from the beginning of 2011," spokesman Dennis Abbott said.

A deal between major mobile manufacturers was agreed last year but "excludes phones which do not support USB data exchange," Abbott warned.

"However it is expected that most mobile phones will be data-enabled from 2011," he added.

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