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pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure on public administration payment times

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on public administration payment times

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the latest update from the Italian Ministry of Economics on payments made by public administrations shows that it takes on average 100 days for invoices to be settled (this figure being conservative), much longer than the 30 days required by law, and up significantly from the last report, which indicated 39 days;
- B. whereas such delays in payments are posing a major problem to many companies that are already strapped for cash, and have frequently resulted in previously healthy businesses being closed down and their staff being made redundant;
- C. whereas, despite the transposition of Directive 2011/7/EU on combating late payment in commercial transactions, the situation for creditors has not improved as expected in many Member States;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to remind the Member States of their obligations, and to adopt new, more effective measures with greater sanctioning powers.

