

**Question for written answer E-007192/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Tax evasion by multinationals

On 21 September 2014, the G20 finance ministers met in Australia in order to reach an agreement on tax evasion.

At the end of 2015, arrangements for the systematic exchange of data will be in place. This will make it easier to coordinate the fight against the offshoring of profits by multinationals.

Large companies are able to pay, on average, 3 % in taxes by taking advantage of differences between national tax laws, while SMEs usually pay 30 %. The ArcelorMittal case in Belgium stands as a glaring example of this practice.

1. Would it not make sense to strengthen European law in this area?
2. What is the Commission's position on this issue?