

**Question for written answer E-007334/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Implementation of common EU rules

EU Member States implement and apply common rules (directives) differently. Denmark, for instance, is one of the frontrunners in implementing and applying EU legislation, but, because of the big differences between Member States, Danish firms are becoming less competitive than firms in Member States where legislation is implemented and applied less effectively.

That is creating an uneven playing field, which is unacceptable.

Accordingly:

1. What does the Commission intend to do to impress upon Member States that directives must be implemented properly and on time?
2. Does the Commission intend to introduce stricter penalties against Member States failing to implement EU rules on time or properly?
3. Will the Commission give consideration to a new procedure for bringing directives into force so that they do not come into effect until they have been properly implemented by all Member States?