

**Question for written answer E-008772/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Evaluation of the Late Payment Directive

Since 2011 an EU directive has been in place laying down measures for combating late payment in commercial transactions. This new legislation sets important limits when paying invoices, to ensure, above all, that small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) do not have to face financial problems due to late payment of invoices by other companies or public authorities.

Has the Commission evaluated implementation of the directive and whether the objectives set are being achieved?

Does the Commission consider this legislative framework sufficient to ensure SMEs can collect on time?