

Question for written answer E-008929/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: SMEs' intellectual property rights

In its communication entitled 'Towards a renewed consensus on the enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights: An EU Action Plan', the Commission highlighted SMEs' difficulties in enforcing their intellectual property rights before the courts. The Commission pointed out that some Member States have put in place national funds and schemes to remedy this situation, with measures like improved litigation-insurance possibilities. It undertook to review the effectiveness of these national schemes in 2015, along with those of third countries.

Has the Commission carried out this review? If so, what results did it obtain and what concrete measures is it considering taking to help SMEs defend their intellectual property rights?