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to the Commission**

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Subject: Corporate taxation in EU Member States: Italy bottom of ranking

In the report 'Doing Business 2015', based on new data for 2014, Italian businesses were ranked worst in the European Union and 141st in the world in the 'Paying taxes' category.

This is the result of a complicated tax system and a heavy tax burden.

Ireland and Denmark were ranked as the EU Member States with the best tax systems, closely followed by Germany and France, which were certainly better than Italy.

What steps will the Commission take to reduce the gap between Italian businesses and their European competitors in terms of regulation, bureaucracy and taxation?