

**Question for written answer E-007960/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Breaches and poor knowledge of state aid rules

Compliance with state aid rules is vital when it comes to preventing competition from being distorted and to guaranteeing that the single market functions properly. However, the European Court of Auditors recently reported that Member States know little and often breach state aid rules.

The Commission has taken measures to simplify the legislation in force on state aid for the programming period 2014-2020, but problems remain. What is the Commission's view on how to reverse this trend of breaches and poor knowledge of state aid rules? What type of measures is the Commission considering taking to prevent, identify and effectively correct infringements?