

**Question for written answer E-004789/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Application of Article 128 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

In its response (E-007886/2016) to my question on the use of EUR 200 and 500 banknotes, the Commission stated that it 'is not competent to directly enforce the status of legal tender at the level of individual citizens or businesses' and that complaints should be addressed to the competent national authorities, such as the Economic Inspectorate in Belgium. However, since this is a matter of inadequate implementation of foundational elements of European law governing legal tender, I should like to put the following question:

Is the Commission obliged to monitor and check the application of Article 128 of the TFEU, which stipulates that all denominations of euro banknotes are legal tender in the euro area?