

**Question for written answer E-001234/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Compelling payment of unpaid invoices across borders

Cross-border claims remain difficult to enforce effectively in another Member State. The European Small Claims Procedure¹ should provide a solution to this. Despite the 2017 amendments, some obstacles remain which affect the average citizen. For example, the enforcement of a judgment that has been secured remains difficult and in practice it is often necessary to enlist the services of a lawyer and/or bailiff, which entails additional costs.

1. Is the Commission aware that not all courts and bailiffs are familiar with this European Small Claims Procedure?
2. Will the Commission take practical measures to raise awareness of this procedure among national authorities?
3. Does the Commission have any additional proposals to promote the enforcement of judgments and thus keep the costs down?

¹ Regulation (EC) No 861/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 establishing a European Small Claims Procedure (OJ L 199, 31.7.2007, p. 1).