

**Question for written answer P-010223/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Delays in public payments in Italy

1. Further to my question E-009578/2013, what has been the outcome of the Commission's investigation into Italy's implementation of Directive 2011/7/EU (the Late Payment Directive), and into the compatibility with the Directive of the Italian rules, the *Decreto-legge* (Legislative decree) of 8 April 2013 and the *Legge de Conversione* (Implementing Act) of 6 June 2013?
2. What is the Commission's opinion of the fact that, to tackle the backlog in payments from the public authorities in Italy to private firms, Italy has adopted a measure (Legislative Decree 66/2014 and Act (*Legge*) 89/2014) which extends powers to the state-owned Cassa Depositi e Prestiti?
3. Does the Commission agree that payments from the Italian Export Credit Insurance Agency to creditors on behalf of the Italian public authorities in Italy may be regarded as equivalent to payment?