

**Question for written answer P-000897/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Apparent violation of EU law in Bulgaria, and the EU Pilot procedure

My attention has been drawn by citizens' organisations in Bulgaria to specific cases in which there is good reason to suspect that procedural regulations have been violated in the context of the payment order procedure as provided for in the Bulgarian Code of Civil Procedure, thus breaching EU law (in particular Regulation 805/2004/EC creating a European Enforcement Order for uncontested claims and Directive 93/13/EEC on unfair terms in consumer contracts).

The Commission, responding to concerns that debtors' rights may not be protected in Bulgaria in accordance with EU law, has already sent out a query, EU Pilot No 8135/15/JUST, seeking information about the application in Bulgarian law of the enforcement order and payment order procedures.

In the light of the above:

1. Has the Commission received a reply from the Bulgarian authorities to its query, No 8135/15/JUST, under the EU Pilot procedure and, if so, what was the tenor of it?
2. Is the Commission aware of instances of failure to observe Bulgarian debtors' rights, in breach of EU law?
3. What action has the Commission taken, or what action does it intend to take if it is established that such breaches of the law have occurred?