

**Question for written answer E-005984/2018
to the Commission**

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Subject: The 25% tax break

In 2017, the French National Assembly voted to abolish the Wealth Tax (ISF), which was replaced in the 2018 draft Finance Bill by a Property Wealth Tax (IFI) only affecting immovable assets. However, given the threat to direct investment in SMEs resulting from the abolition of an ISF that had offered tax breaks to investors, in the same year the French Parliament voted through the so-called 'Madelin' scheme, which raises the income tax break for investments in SMEs from 18% to 25%. This increase could not be applied in 2018 as the tax break is considered state aid for SMEs and must therefore be approved by the Commission before it can be applied.

When will the Commission approve this tax break?