

**Question for written answer E-001706/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Compliance in Finland with Directive 2011/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare

In March 2011, the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council adopted Directive 2011/24/EU on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare, and the Member States were to implement the Directive fully by 25 October 2013. The purpose of the Directive is to promote and facilitate the movement of people and ensure that they receive the treatment they need in good time. According to Article 7, the Member State of affiliation ensures the costs incurred by an insured person who receives cross-border healthcare are reimbursed, if the healthcare in question is among the benefits to which the insured person is entitled in the Member State of affiliation. However, Finland has not followed the guidance and constantly likens cross-border healthcare to private healthcare when it comes to the national practice of reimbursing costs.

1. In the Commission's view, does Finland comply with the directive in full at the moment?
2. Is current practice in line with the Directive?