

Question for written answer E-002232/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Update on the situation of tax judges in Italy

A number of complaints submitted by Italian tax judges – supplemented at the request of the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion and at the initiative of the complainants themselves, who provided the latter with further information on Italy's suspected infringements of EU law – have exposed the untenable situation in which the entire profession finds itself, highlighting in particular violations regarding social security and welfare matters, as well as their unseemly financial treatment, which, moreover, was determined by the government through the Ministry of Finance without any legislative support.

Given that approximately two years have passed since the first complaint and that the deadline for the EU PILOT procedure has expired, and although the state of affairs is similar to – if not worse than – that concerning lay judges in Italy, in relation to whom a dedicated infringement procedure has been initiated and Italy referred to the Court of Justice for the inadequacy of the measures taken to bring national law into line with EU rules – can the Commission comment on the state of the investigation and on the measures it intends to take to protect Italian tax judges?

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