

**Question for written answer E-009759/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: 'Unblock Italy' decree - potential infringement proceedings

Article 5 of the so-called 'Unblock Italy' decree (Italian Legislative Decree No 133 of 12 September 2014) would appear to allow for considerable amendments to motorway concession contracts; however, the wording of this Article is unclear and could also permit significant extensions to the period of existing concessions.

In this context, account must be taken of Council Directive 93/37/EEC of 14 June 1993 concerning the coordination of procedures for the award of public works contracts, specifically Article 7(3)(d), and the pre-litigation procedure opened by the Commission on 17 October 2014 under the EU Pilot project – along with the consequent request for observations submitted to the Italian authorities.

1. Taking the above into consideration, can the Commission reveal the Italian authorities' response?
2. How does the Commission intend to intervene if incompatibility with European legislation is confirmed?
3. Does the Commission not believe that the above provision also constitutes a violation of European antitrust legislation and a distortion of competition within the motorway sector?