

**Question for written answer E-000259/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Privatisation and competition in Greece and Italy

Two of the four groups bidding in the auction for the privatisation of Admie, the Greek power transmission operator, are indirect partners in Italy: Terna (the leading Italian power transmission operator) and the State Grid Corporation (the Chinese national electricity giant ).

The State Grid wholly controls Grid International Development Limited, which during the summer acquired a stake in the Italian CDP Networks company, thereby gaining a foothold (and an accompanying veto rights) on the management boards of Terna and Snam, of which CDP Networks is a major shareholder. Snam is the Italian group that manages Italian national gas infrastructures.

The Italian Minister for Energy claims to have given the green light to State Grid becoming a major shareholder in Terna and Snam after consulting the Commission and obtaining its consent.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. What exactly were its views regarding this transaction? Can it produce the documents relating to the exchange of views with the Italian Government?
2. How can two indirect partners (Terna and State Grid) be considered rival bidders in connection with the privatisation of Admie?
3. How does it intend to ensure full compliance with competition rules in connection with the Admie auction?