

**Question for written answer E-012580/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Vigo hospital

The Galician Association for the Protection of Public Health has spoken out against an alleged breach of EU law in the tendering procedure for the contract to run the Álvaro Cunqueiro Hospital of Vigo.

According to the association, the initial plan involved the public funding and management of the project, but a change in approach resulted in the public works concession contract being awarded to a private company. The services covered by the contract included not only the financing and construction of the new hospital, but also the management of non-medical health services, the use of commercial premises and the carpark area and the final design of the building.

The association says that there were a number of irregularities in the procedure for the awarding of this contract, including the fact that the project was carried out on the basis of a public works contract rather than a public-private partnership. What is more, the financing agreement appears to have been breached – funding should have been provided by the contractor, but ultimately money was borrowed from the European Investment Bank.

Is the Commission aware of these revelations? Has it launched an investigation into the matter? Has it requested – or does it plan to request – information from the national authorities?