

**Question for written answer E-014285/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Vigo Hospital (Spain)

A pressure group calling for the protection of public healthcare in Spain has lodged a complaint with the Commission for a suspected breach of EU law in relation to the tendering procedure for the new hospital in Vigo via a private finance initiative administrative concession contract for public works. The group has condemned the award of the contract for the hospital, highlighting the following issues:

1. Infringement of EU directives governing public works concessions: there is no transfer of operating risk, meaning that it cannot be an administrative concession.
2. Breach of Eurostat rules under which the hospital must not be classed as a public asset and the 20-year contractual debt with the concession holder must not be classed as a deficit for the hospital.
3. Financial terms and conditions have not been met, and the completion deadline was extended after the tender procedure. This once again breaches EU directives in that the deadline was not respected and the Galician Government was forced to bail out the concession holder by guaranteeing credit from the EIB.
4. Tasks relating to the technical supervision of the contract and of the project have been outsourced to a commercial company which charges the concession holder.

What is the Commission's response to this situation?