

Question for written answer E-000599/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Alleged unlawful behaviour by SAGA (Società Abruzzese Gestione Aeroporto)

In June 2009, SAGA - the airport management authority for the Abruzzo region - signed two contracts with Ryanair, the 'Airport Agreement' and 'Airport Marketing Service', due to expire in June 2014. These contracts were renewed in advance, in March 2014, for a further two years until June 2016, but the Commission was never notified of this. These contracts should thus be considered 'automatically void' under Articles 101 and 102 TFEU.

In its expression of interest published on 4 February 2014 to find airlines, SAGA confined itself to new routes, excluding those already being operated by Ryanair. It thus treated Ryanair differently to other airlines, thereby distorting competition.

In its judgment No 299/2013, the Italian Constitutional Court, in relation to Articles 107 and 108 TFEU, declared that Article 1 of Regional Law 69/2012 was unconstitutional, since it dealt with the financing of the marketing plan for the airport in Abruzzo and the funding was granted without notifying the draft law to the Commission and without obtaining a favourable opinion from the latter.

Can the Commission therefore answer the following questions:

- Is it aware of the above-mentioned facts, or does it wish to seek further information?
- In its opinion, are these facts in breach of the provisions of the TFEU?
- What measures does it intend to take to punish this wrongdoing?