

**Question for written answer E-005827/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Award of transport contracts

I am grateful for the reply given by Ms Bulc on behalf of the Commission, but I consider that my questions have not been answered. Having examined the requests for preliminary rulings by the Consiglio di Stato, (Sezione Quinta) in case C-350/17 referred to in the Commission reply of 4 September, there is a risk that the ECJ will fail to rule on what constitutes the initial date for the calculation of the 30 year period: the main proceedings do not specifically deal with Article 8.3 of Regulation 1370 and the requests do not raise the issue of how to apply this article.

Accordingly, does the Commission not agree that its failure to act in situations where there are very old contracts still in force, as is the case with the French undertakings SNCF and RATP, is in breach of EU law and in particular of the principle of equal treatment?