

**Question for written answer P-001078/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Formal notice on water supply concessions

We have learnt that the Commission's DG COMP sent formal notice to the French State on 22 October 2015 regarding its hydropower concessions, maintaining that some concessions had been awarded directly and, more generally, criticising the French State for not having opened up the renewal of concessions in the French hydroelectric market to competition sufficiently.

As former rapporteur on the Concessions Directive (2014/23/EU), I am following this with great interest. At the time of drafting of the directive, my attention had been drawn to two sectors that were economically strategic for several European countries, namely electricity and water.

I should like to ask whether the Commission is also planning to investigate the conditions applying to the award of a certain number of concessions in certain other water supply markets (for example, by some local authorities in Germany, in particular, where I believe certain contracts were the subject of a direct award for understandable historical reasons).

Is the Commission planning to launch similar procedures to the formal notice issued to France in the water sector with regard to one or several of the other Member States concerned?